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"AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT."

- 1 Strike section 19 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
- 2 thereof:
- 3 "Sec. 19. Subdivision (5) of section 20-670 of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
- 5 1, 2022):
- 6 (5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background
- 7 investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemaker-
- 8 companion agency, that includes: (A) A review of any application
- 9 materials prepared or requested by the agency and completed by the
- 10 prospective employee; (B) an in-person or video-conference interview
- 11 of the prospective employee; (C) verification of the prospective

employee's Social Security number; (D) if the position applied for within 12 13 the agency requires licensure on the part of the prospective employee, 14 verification that the required license is in good standing; (E) a check of 15 the registry established and maintained pursuant to section 54-257; (F) 16 [a review of criminal conviction information obtained through a search 17 of current criminal matters of public record in this state based on the 18 prospective employee's name and date of birth] a local and national 19 criminal background check of criminal matters of public record based 20 on the prospective employee's name and date of birth that includes a 21 search of a multistate and multijurisdiction criminal record locator or 22 other similar commercial nationwide database with validation, and a 23 search of the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender 24 Public Website, conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency 25 or background screening company that is accredited by the Professional 26 Background Screening Association and in compliance with the federal 27 Fair Credit Reporting Act; (G) if the prospective employee has resided 28 in this state less than three years prior to the date of the application with 29 the agency, a review of criminal conviction information from the state 30 or states where such prospective employee resided during such three-31 year period; and (H) a review of any other information that the agency 32 deems necessary in order to evaluate the suitability of the prospective 33 employee for the position." 34 Change the effective date of section 21 to "Effective January 1, 2022" 35 In lines 875 to 876, inclusive, strike "On and after January 1, 2022, 36 each" and insert "Each" in lieu thereof 37 After line 914, insert the following: 38 "(c) Each homemaker-companion agency shall require any employee,

- "(c) Each homemaker-companion agency shall require any employee,
 after accepting an offer of employment or execution of a contract with
 such agency to perform services for such agency, to submit a completed
 and verified United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Form
 I-9 to the homemaker-companion agency."
- In line 915, strike " $\underline{(c)}$ " and insert " $\underline{(d)}$ " in lieu thereof

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

- "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 21a-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 48 1, 2021):
- 49 (a) A copy of the health club contract shall be delivered to the buyer 50 at the time the contract is signed. All health club contracts shall (1) be in 51 writing and signed by the buyer, [shall] (2) designate the date on which 52 the buyer actually signs the contract, [shall] (3) identify the address of 53 the location at which the buyer entered the contract, and [shall] (4) 54 contain a statement of the buyer's rights which complies with this 55 section. The statement [must: (1) Appear] shall appear in the contract 56 under the conspicuous caption: "BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL", and 57 [(2)] shall read as follows:
- 58 "If you wish to cancel this contract, you may cancel by [mailing] 59 sending a written notice [by certified or registered mail to the address] 60 to one of the addresses specified below. The notice must say that you do 61 not wish to be bound by this contract and must be delivered or mailed 62 before midnight of the third business day after you sign this contract. 63 After you cancel, the health club may request the return of all contracts, 64 membership cards and other documents of evidence of membership. 65 The notice must be delivered or mailed to:
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- 68 (Insert name<u>, electronic mail address</u> and mailing address for 69 cancellation notice.)
- You may also cancel this contract if you relocate your residence further than twenty-five miles from any health club operated by the seller or from any other substantially similar health club which would accept the obligation of the seller. This contract may also be cancelled if

you die, or if the health club ceases operation at the location where you entered into this contract. If you become disabled, you shall have the option of (1) being relieved of liability for payment on that portion of the contract term for which you are disabled, or (2) extending the duration of the original contract at no cost to you for a period equal to the duration of the disability. You must prove such disability by a certificate signed by a licensed physician or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, which certificate shall be enclosed with the written notice of disability sent to the health club. The health club may require that you be examined by another physician or advanced practice registered nurse agreeable to you and the health club at its expense. If you cancel, the health club may keep or collect an amount equal to the fair market value of the services or use of facilities you have already received."

- The full text of this statement shall be in ten-point bold type. <u>Each contract renewed on or after October 1, 2021, shall revise the BUYER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL language to provide for cancellation notices received by electronic mail.</u>
- 92 Sec. 502. Section 21a-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
 - (a) No health club contract shall have a term for a period longer than twenty-four months. If a health club offers a contract of more than twelve months' term, it shall offer a twelve-month contract. If a health club sells a membership contract of more than twelve months' term, the health club shall not collect payment, in cash or its equivalent of more than fifty per cent of the entire consideration for the contract in advance of rendering services. The remainder of the cost of the contract shall be collected by the health club on a pro rata monthly basis during the term of the health club contract. Each contract shall have the prices for all contracts printed thereon.
- 104 (b) Written notice that a contract will automatically renew shall be 105 provided by the health club to the consumer at the time of entering into

the contract. Such notice shall be conspicuously printed on the first page of the contract and shall be provided in fourteen-point bold type. No contract shall contain an automatic renewal clause except for a renewal for a period not to exceed one month. If such contract contains such a one-month automatic renewal clause, such renewal shall become effective only upon payment of the renewal price and such contract shall permit the buyer to cancel any further renewal upon no more than one month's notice. The price of any such renewal shall not increase or decrease unless the contract: (1) Discloses the amount of such increase or decrease or the method of calculating such increase or decrease in the price of such renewal, or (2) such information is otherwise provided to the buyer, in writing, no less than one month prior to such renewal. Any renewal option for continued membership [must] shall be accepted by the buyer in writing, by electronic mail or facsimile and shall become effective only upon payment of the renewal price.

- (c) Each health club shall post the prices and the three-day cancellation provisions, the disability provisions and the twenty-five mile moving provisions of all contracts in a conspicuous place where the contract is entered into.
- Sec. 503. Section 42-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
 - (a) As used in this chapter: (1) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of resale, of a motor vehicle, a lessee of a motor vehicle, any person to whom such motor vehicle is transferred during the duration of an express warranty applicable to such motor vehicle, and any person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the obligations of the warranty; and (2) "motor vehicle" means a passenger motor vehicle, a passenger and commercial motor vehicle or a motorcycle, as defined in section 14-1, which is sold or leased in this state.
- 136 (b) If a new motor vehicle does not conform to all applicable express 137 warranties, and the consumer reports the nonconformity to the

manufacturer, its agent or its authorized dealer during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer or during the period of the first twenty-four thousand miles of operation, whichever period ends first, the manufacturer, its agent or its authorized dealer shall make such repairs as are necessary to conform the vehicle to such express warranties, notwithstanding the fact that such repairs are made after the expiration of the applicable period.

- (c) No consumer shall be required to notify the manufacturer of a claim under this section and sections 42-181 to 42-184, inclusive, as amended by this act, unless the manufacturer has clearly and conspicuously disclosed to the consumer, in the warranty or owner's manual, that written notification of the nonconformity is required before the consumer may be eligible for a refund or replacement of the vehicle. The manufacturer shall include with the warranty or owner's manual the name and address to which the consumer shall send such written notification.
- (d) If the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers are unable to conform the motor vehicle to any applicable express warranty by repairing or correcting any defect or condition which substantially impairs the use, safety or value of the motor vehicle to the consumer after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer shall replace the motor vehicle with a new motor vehicle acceptable to the consumer, or accept return of the vehicle from the consumer and refund to the consumer, lessor and lienholder, if any, as their interests may appear, the following: (1) The full contract price, including, but not limited to, charges for undercoating, dealer preparation and transportation and installed options, (2) all collateral charges, including but not limited to, sales tax, license and registration fees, and similar government charges, (3) all finance charges incurred by the consumer after he first reports the nonconformity to the manufacturer, agent or dealer and during any subsequent period when the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair, and (4) all incidental damages, [as defined in section 42a-2-715] if applicable, less a reasonable allowance for the consumer's use of the

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vehicle. Incidental damages include, but are not limited to, compensation for any commercially reasonable charges or expenses with respect to: (A) Inspection, receipt, transportation, care or custody of the motor vehicle, (B) covering, returning or disposing of the motor vehicle, (C) reasonable efforts to minimize or avoid the consequences of financial default related to the motor vehicle, and (D) effectuating other remedies after a defect or condition that substantially impaired the motor vehicle has been reported to a dealership or manufacturer. No authorized dealer shall be held liable by the manufacturer for any refunds or vehicle replacements in the absence of evidence indicating that dealership repairs have been carried out in a manner inconsistent with the manufacturers' instructions. Refunds or replacements shall be made to the consumer, lessor and lienholder if any, as their interests may appear. A reasonable allowance for use shall be that amount obtained by multiplying the total contract price of the vehicle by a fraction having as its denominator one hundred twenty thousand and having as its numerator the number of miles that the vehicle traveled prior to the manufacturer's acceptance of its return. It shall be an affirmative defense to any claim under this section [(1)] (i) that an alleged nonconformity does not substantially impair such use, safety or value, or [(2)] (ii) that a nonconformity is the result of abuse, neglect or unauthorized modifications or alterations of a motor vehicle by a consumer.

(e) It shall be presumed that a reasonable number of attempts have been undertaken to conform a motor vehicle to the applicable express warranties, if (1) the same nonconformity has been subject to repair four or more times by the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer or during the period of the first twenty-four thousand miles of operation, whichever period ends first, but such nonconformity continues to exist, or (2) the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair for a cumulative total of thirty or more calendar days during the applicable period, determined pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. Such two-year period and such thirty-day period shall

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be extended by any period of time during which repair services are not available to the consumer because of a war, invasion, strike or fire, flood or other natural disaster. No claim shall be made under this section unless at least one attempt to repair a nonconformity has been made by the manufacturer or its agent or an authorized dealer or unless such manufacturer, its agent or an authorized dealer has refused to attempt to repair such nonconformity.

(f) If a motor vehicle has a nonconformity which results in a condition which is likely to cause death or serious bodily injury if the vehicle is driven, it shall be presumed that a reasonable number of attempts have been undertaken to conform such vehicle to the applicable express warranties if the nonconformity has been subject to repair at least twice by the manufacturer or its agents or authorized dealers within the express warranty term or during the period of one year following the date of the original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever period ends first, but such nonconformity continues to exist. The term of an express warranty and such one-year period shall be extended by any period of time during which repair services are not available to the consumer because of war, invasion, strike or fire, flood or other natural disaster.

(g) (1) No motor vehicle which is returned to any person pursuant to any provision of this chapter or in settlement of any dispute related to any complaint made under the provisions of this chapter and which requires replacement or refund shall be resold, transferred or leased in the state without clear and conspicuous written disclosure of the fact that such motor vehicle was so returned prior to resale or lease. Such disclosure shall be affixed to the motor vehicle and shall be included in any contract for sale or lease. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prescribe the form and content of any such disclosure statement and establish provisions by which the commissioner may remove such written disclosure after such time as the commissioner may determine that such motor vehicle is no longer defective. (2) [If] For any motor vehicle subject to a complaint made under the provisions of this chapter,

if a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle or compensates any person who accepts the return of a motor vehicle, [pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection] whether the return is pursuant to an arbitration award or settlement, such manufacturer shall stamp the words ["MANUFACTURER BUYBACK"] "MANUFACTURER <u>BUYBACK-LEMON</u>" clearly and conspicuously on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter inch high and, [within ten] not later than thirty days [of] after receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall maintain a listing of such buyback vehicles and in the case of any request for a title for a buyback vehicle, shall cause the words ["MANUFACTURER BUYBACK"] "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" to appear clearly and conspicuously on the face of the new title in letters which are at least one-quarter inch high. Any person who applies for a title shall disclose to the department the fact that such vehicle was returned as set forth in this subsection. (3) If a manufacturer accepts the return of a motor vehicle from a consumer due to a nonconformity or defect, in exchange for a refund or a replacement vehicle, whether as a result of an administrative or judicial determination, an arbitration proceeding or a voluntary settlement, the manufacturer shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall provide the department with all relevant information, including the year, make, model, vehicle identification number and prior title number the vehicle. Such manufacturer shall stamp the words "MANUFACTURER BUYBACK-LEMON" clearly and conspicuously on the face of the original title in letters at least one-quarter-inch high, and, not later than thirty days after receipt of the title, shall submit a copy of the stamped title to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 specifying the format and time period in which such information shall be provided and the nature of any additional information which the commissioner may require. (4) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to motor vehicles originally returned in another state from a consumer due to a nonconformity or defect in exchange for a refund or replacement vehicle and which a lessor or

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transferor with actual knowledge subsequently sells, transfers or leases 275 276 in this state. (5) If a manufacturer fails to stamp a title as required by this subsection within thirty days of receipt of the title, the Department of 277 278 Consumer Protection may impose a fine not to exceed ten thousand 279 dollars on the manufacturer. Any such fine shall be deposited into the 280 new automobile warranties account established pursuant to section 42-281 190, as amended by this act. A manufacturer that is aggrieved by a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may, within ten days of receipt of 282 283 written notice of such fine from the department, request, in writing, a 284 hearing. The department shall, upon the receipt of all documentation 285 necessary to evaluate the request, determine whether circumstances 286 beyond the manufacturer's control prevented performance, and may 287 conduct a hearing pursuant to chapter 54, if appropriate.

- (h) All express and implied warranties arising from the sale of a new motor vehicle shall be subject to the provisions of part 3 of article 2 of title 42a.
- 291 (i) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit the rights or remedies 292 which are otherwise available to a consumer under any other law.
- (j) If a manufacturer has established an informal dispute settlement procedure which is certified by the Attorney General as complying in all respects with the provisions of Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations Part 703, as in effect on October 1, 1982, and with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 42-182, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section concerning refunds or replacement shall not apply to any consumer who has not first resorted to such procedure.
- 300 <u>(k) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt</u> 301 <u>regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to</u> 302 <u>implement the provisions of this section.</u>
- Sec. 504. Section 42-181 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
- 305 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection [,] shall provide an

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independent arbitration procedure for the settlement of disputes between consumers and manufacturers of motor vehicles which do not conform to all applicable warranties under the terms of section 42-179, as amended by this act. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall appoint as arbitrators individuals who shall not be employees or independent contractors with any business involved in the manufacture, distribution, sale or service of any motor vehicle. The arbitrator shall be a member of an arbitration organization and shall serve with compensation. The Department of Consumer Protection may refer an arbitration dispute to the American Arbitration Association or other arbitration organization in accordance with regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, provided such organization and any arbitrators appointed by such organization to hear cases shall not be affiliated with any motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, dealer or repairer. Such arbitration organizations shall comply with the provisions of subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) If any motor vehicle purchased at any time on or after October 1, 1984, or leased at any time on or after June 17, 1987, fails to conform to such applicable warranties as defined in said section 42-179, as amended by this act, a consumer may bring a grievance to an arbitrator if the manufacturer of the vehicle has not established an informal dispute settlement procedure which the Attorney General has certified as complying in all respects with the requirements of said section 42-179, as amended by this act. The consumer may initiate a request for arbitration by calling a toll-free telephone number designated by the commissioner or by requesting an arbitration hearing in writing. The consumer shall file, on forms prescribed by the commissioner, any information deemed relevant to the resolution of the dispute and shall return the form accompanied by a filing fee of fifty dollars. Prior to submitting the complaint to an arbitrator, the Department of Consumer Protection shall conduct an initial review of the complaint. The department shall determine whether the complaint should be accepted or rejected for arbitration based on whether it alleges that the

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manufacturer has failed to comply with section 42-179, as amended by this act. The filing fee shall be refunded if the department determines that a complaint does not allege a violation of any applicable warranty under the requirements of said section 42-179, as amended by this act. Upon acceptance of the complaint, the commissioner shall notify the manufacturer of the filing of a request for arbitration and shall obtain from the manufacturer, in writing on a form prescribed by the commissioner, any information deemed relevant to the resolution of the dispute. The manufacturer shall return the form within fifteen days of receipt, together with a filing fee of two hundred fifty dollars. Upon written agreement of the parties, signed after the consumer has initiated a request for arbitration, the case may be presented to the arbitrator solely based on the written documents submitted by such parties. A lessee who brings a grievance to an arbitrator under this section shall, upon filing the complaint form provided for in this section, provide the lessor with notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the lessor may petition the arbitrator to be made a party to the arbitration proceedings. Initial determinations to reject a complaint for arbitration shall be submitted to an arbitrator for a final decision upon receipt of a written request from the consumer for a review of the initial eligibility determination and a filing fee of fifty dollars. If a complaint is accepted for arbitration, an arbitrator may determine that a complaint does not allege that the manufacturer has failed to comply with section 42-179, as amended by this act at any time before such arbitrator renders its decision on the merits of the dispute. The fee accompanying the consumer's complaint form shall be refunded to the consumer and the fee accompanying the form filed by the manufacturer shall be refunded to the manufacturer if the arbitrator determines that a complaint does not allege a violation of the provisions of section 42-179, as amended by this act.

(c) After a consumer submits the forms and fee pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and until such time that a decision or settlement is rendered, the consumer shall notify any individual or entity to whom he or she sells the motor vehicle that an action is pending

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with the department pursuant to this section. Such notice shall be given prior to the buyer's execution of the bill of sale, and shall include any case number or reference number provided by the department to the consumer. The consumer shall (1) notify the department not later than five days after the buyer's execution of the bill of sale that the motor vehicle has been sold, (2) provide the department with the name and contact information of the buyer, and (3) attest that notice of the pending action was given to the buyer prior to the buyer's execution of the bill of sale.

[(c)] (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall investigate, gather and organize all information necessary for a fair and timely decision in each dispute. The commissioner may issue subpoenas on behalf of any arbitrator to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, papers and records relevant to the dispute. The department shall forward a copy of all written testimony, including all documentary evidence, to an independent technical expert certified by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence or having a degree or other credentials from a nationally recognized organization or institution attesting to automotive expertise, who shall review such material and be available to advise and consult with the arbitrator. An arbitrator shall, as expeditiously as possible, but not later than sixty days after the time the consumer files the complaint form together with the filing fee, render a fair decision based on the information gathered and disclose his or her findings and the reasons therefor to the parties involved. The failure of the arbitrator to render a decision within sixty days shall not void any subsequent decision or otherwise limit the powers of the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall base his or her determination of liability solely on whether the manufacturer has failed to comply with section 42-179, as amended by this act. The arbitration decision shall be final and binding as to the rights of the parties pursuant to section 42-179, as amended by this act, subject only to judicial review as set forth in this subsection. The decision shall provide appropriate remedies, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following:

(1) Replacement of the vehicle with an identical or comparable new

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- 408 vehicle acceptable to the consumer;
- 409 (2) Refund of the full contract price, plus collateral charges as 410 specified in subsection (d) of section 42-179, as amended by this act;
- 411 (3) Reimbursement for expenses and compensation for incidental 412 damages as specified in subsection (d) of section 42-179, as amended by 413 this act;
- 414 (4) Any other remedies available under the applicable warranties, 415 section 42-179, <u>as amended by this act</u>, this section and sections 42-182 416 to 42-184, inclusive, or the Magnuson-Moss Warranty-Federal Trade 417 Commission Improvement Act, 88 Stat. 2183 (1975), 15 USC 2301 et seq., 418 as in effect on October 1, 1982, other than repair of the vehicle. The 419 decision shall specify a date for performance and completion of all 420 awarded remedies.
 - (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [or any regulation to the contrary,] the Department of Consumer Protection shall not amend, reverse, rescind or revoke any decision or action of an arbitrator. The department shall contact the consumer, [within] not later than ten business days after the date for performance, to determine whether performance has occurred. The manufacturer shall act in good faith in abiding by any arbitration decision. In addition, either party to the arbitration may [make application] apply to the superior court for the judicial district in which one of the parties resides or, when the court is not in session, any judge thereof for an order confirming, vacating, modifying or correcting any award, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 52-417, 52-418, 52-419 and 52-420. Upon filing such application, the moving party shall mail a copy of the application to the Attorney General and, upon entry of any judgment or decree, shall mail a copy of such judgment or decree to the Attorney General. A review of such application shall be confined to the record of the proceedings before the arbitrator. The court shall conduct a de novo review of the questions of law raised in the application. In addition to the grounds set forth in sections 52-418 and 52-419, the court shall

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consider questions of fact raised in the application. In reviewing questions of fact, the court shall uphold the award unless it determines that the factual findings of the arbitrator are not supported by substantial evidence in the record and that the substantial rights of the moving party have been prejudiced. If the arbitrator fails to state findings or reasons for the award, or the stated findings or reasons are inadequate, the court shall search the record to determine whether a basis exists to uphold the award. If it is determined by the court that the manufacturer has acted without good cause in bringing an appeal of an award, the court, in its discretion, may grant to the consumer his costs and reasonable attorney's fees. If the manufacturer fails to perform all awarded remedies by the date for performance specified by the arbitrator, and the enforcement of the award has not been stayed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 52-420, then each additional day the manufacturer wilfully fails to comply shall be deemed a separate violation for purposes of section 42-184. If the manufacturer fails to perform regarding all awarded remedies by the applicable date of performance specified by the arbitrator, and enforcement of the award has not been stayed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 52-240 or otherwise modified by the arbitrator, the department may impose a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars per day until the manufacturer fully performs as specified by the award. Any such fines shall be deposited into the new automobile warranties account established pursuant to section 42-190, as amended by this act. A manufacturer that is aggrieved by a fine imposed pursuant to this subsection may, not later than ten days of receipt of written notice of such fine from the department, request, in writing, a hearing. The department shall, upon the receipt of all documentation necessary to evaluate the request, determine whether circumstances beyond the manufacturer's control prevented performance, and may conduct a hearing pursuant to chapter 54, if appropriate.

[(d)] (f) The department shall maintain such records of each dispute as the commissioner may require, including an index of disputes by brand name and model. The department shall annually compile and

maintain statistics indicating the record of manufacturer compliance with arbitration decisions and the number of refunds or replacements awarded. A copy of the statistical summary shall be filed with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall be considered a factor in determining the issuance of any manufacturer license as required under section 14-67a. The summary shall be a public record.

[(e)] (g) If a manufacturer has not established an informal dispute settlement procedure certified by the Attorney General as complying with the requirements of said section 42-179, as amended by this act, public notice of the availability of the department's automobile dispute settlement procedure shall be prominently posted in the place of business of each new car dealer licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles to engage in the sale of such manufacturer's new motor vehicles. Display of such public notice shall be a condition of licensure under sections 14-52 and 14-64. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the size, type face, form and wording of the sign required by this section, which shall include the toll-free telephone number and the address to which requests for the department's arbitration services may be sent.

[(f)] (h) Any consumer injured by the operation of any procedure which does not conform with procedures established by a manufacturer pursuant to subsection (b) of section 42-182 and the provisions of Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations Part 703, as in effect on October 1, 1982, may appeal any decision rendered as the result of such a procedure by requesting arbitration de novo of the dispute by an arbitrator. Filing procedures and fees for appeals shall be the same as those required in subsection (b) of this section. The findings of the manufacturer's informal dispute settlement procedure may be admissible in evidence at such arbitration and in any civil action subsequently arising out of any warranty obligation or matter related to the dispute. Any consumer so injured may, in addition, request the Attorney General to investigate the manufacturer's procedure to determine whether its certification shall be suspended or revoked after proper notice and hearing. The Attorney General shall establish procedures for processing such

508 consumer complaints and maintain a record of the disposition of such 509 complaints, which record shall be included in the annual report 510 prepared in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 42-182. 511

- [(g)] (i) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section. Written copies of the regulations and appropriate arbitration hearing procedures shall be provided to any person upon request.
- 517 Sec. 505. Section 42-190 of the general statutes is repealed and the 518 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
 - (a) A new automobile warranties account surcharge is hereby imposed on the sale or lease of each new motor vehicle, as defined in section 42-179, as amended by this act, sold or leased in this state by any person licensed to offer such vehicles for sale under section 14-52. Such surcharge shall be in addition to any tax otherwise applicable to any such sales transaction.
 - (b) The surcharge assessed pursuant to this section shall be at a rate of three dollars per motor vehicle, as defined in section 42-179, as amended by this act. Such surcharge shall be collected by each licensee under section 14-52 engaged in the sale or lease of motor vehicles, as defined in section 42-179, as amended by this act, in this state. Such licensee shall pay the surcharges assessed during the prior calendar year to the Department of Consumer Protection in an annual lump sum payment on or before March thirty-first of each year. Said department may assess a late fee of two dollars per vehicle.
 - (c) Proceeds collected by the department from surcharges assessed under this section shall be deposited in the new automobile warranties account established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- 537 (d) There is established a separate, nonlapsing account, within the 538 General Fund, to be known as the "new automobile warranties account".

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The account may contain any moneys required by law to be deposited

- in the account. The moneys in said account shall be allocated to the
- Department of Consumer Protection to carry out the purposes of this
- 542 chapter.
- Sec. 506. Section 21a-319 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):
- (a) No certificate of registration shall be issued, maintained or renewed under this chapter unless or until the applicant has furnished proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection that he or she is licensed or duly authorized to practice his or her profession by the appropriate state licensing board, commission or registration
- agency; or, in the case of a hospital or other institution, by the
- 551 appropriate state agency having jurisdiction over the licensure,
- registration or approval of such establishment.
- (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may change the status
- of a controlled substance registration to inactive for any practitioner
- who fails to maintain a license, registration or approval of a license to
- 556 practice his or her medical profession for a period longer than ninety
- 557 <u>days. Such change in license status shall not be considered disciplinary</u>
- 558 and the registration shall be reinstated without additional fee, if the
- 559 practitioner restores his or her license, registration or approval to
- 560 practice his or her profession with the Department of Public Health or
- associated board or commission, and the reinstatement occurs prior to
- 562 <u>the expiration of the controlled substance registration.</u>
- Sec. 507. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section,
- "epinephrine auto injector" means a prefilled auto injector or similar
- 565 automatic injectable equipment used to deliver epinephrine in a
- standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.
- 567 (b) A pharmacist, in his or her professional discretion, may issue a
- prescription for not more than two epinephrine auto injectors under the
- 569 following conditions:

570 (1) The pharmacist identifies that the patient requesting such 571 prescription has received an epinephrine auto injector by prescription 572 from another pharmacy within the previous two years;

- (2) The pharmacist identifies the patient's practitioner specified by the patient as his or her primary care provider at the time the request is made;
- (3) The pharmacist informs the patient's primary care provider of the issuance of the prescription not later than seventy-two hours after such issuance, by either phone, facsimile or electronic transmission; and
- (4) The prescription issued by the pharmacist does not have any refills and is not filled more than once per year.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent a pharmacist from verifying a previous prescription at any pharmacy in any part of the United States, including any state, district, commonwealth, territory or insular possession thereof, or any area subject to the legal authority of the United States of America.
- Sec. 508. Subsection (f) of section 20-633b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (f) (1) If a sterile compounding pharmacy plans to remodel [a pharmacy clean room within the sterile compounding facility] any area utilized for the compounding of sterile pharmaceuticals or adjacent space, relocate [a pharmacy clean room within the facility] any space utilized for the compounding of sterile pharmaceuticals or upgrade or conduct a nonemergency repair to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning or primary or secondary engineering controls for [a pharmacy clean room within the facility] any space utilized for the compounding of sterile pharmaceuticals, the sterile compounding pharmacy shall notify the Department of Consumer Protection, in writing, not later than [ten] forty-five days prior to commencing such remodel, relocation, upgrade or repair. Such written notification shall

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include a plan for such remodel, relocation, upgrade or repair and such plan shall be subject to department review and approval. If a sterile compounding pharmacy makes an emergency repair, the sterile compounding pharmacy shall notify the department of such emergency repair, in writing, [as soon as possible] not later than twenty-four hours after such repair is commenced.

- (2) If the USP chapters require sterile recertification after such remodel, relocation, upgrade or repair, the sterile compounding pharmacy shall provide a copy of its sterile recertification to the Department of Consumer Protection not later than five days after the sterile recertification approval. The recertification shall only be performed by an independent licensed environmental monitoring entity.
- Sec. 509. Subsection (d) of section 20-614 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (d) Prior to or simultaneous with the dispensing of a drug, [pursuant to subsection (b) of this section] from a pharmacy licensed pursuant to this chapter, a pharmacist or other employee of the pharmacy shall, whenever practicable, offer for the pharmacist to discuss the drug to be dispensed and to counsel the patient on the usage of the drug, except when the person obtaining the prescription is other than the person named on the prescription form or electronic record or the pharmacist determines it is appropriate to make such offer in writing. Any such written offer shall include an offer to communicate with the patient either in person at the pharmacy or by telephone.
- Sec. 510. Subsection (a) of section 21a-70 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
- (a) As used in this section: (1) "Drugs", "devices" and "cosmetics" have the same meanings as defined in section 21a-92, "wholesaler" or "distributor" means a person, including, but not limited to, a medical

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device and oxygen provider, a third-party logistics provider, a virtual manufacturer or a virtual wholesale distributor, as such terms are defined in section 20-571, whether within or without the boundaries of the state of Connecticut, who supplies drugs, devices or cosmetics prepared, produced or packaged by manufacturers, to other wholesalers, manufacturers, distributors, hospitals, prescribing practitioners, as defined in subdivision (24) of section 20-571, pharmacies, federal, state or municipal agencies, clinics or any other person as permitted under subsection (h) of this section, except that: (A) A retail pharmacy or a pharmacy within a licensed hospital that supplies to another such pharmacy a quantity of a noncontrolled drug or a schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance normally stocked by such pharmacies to provide for the immediate needs of a patient pursuant to a prescription or medication order of an authorized practitioner, (B) a pharmacy within a licensed hospital that supplies drugs to another hospital or an authorized practitioner for research purposes, (C) a retail pharmacy that supplies a limited quantity of a noncontrolled drug or of a schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance for emergency stock to a practitioner who is a medical director of a chronic and convalescent nursing home, of a rest home with nursing supervision, of a hospice inpatient facility licensed pursuant to section <u>19a-491</u> or of a state correctional institution, and (D) a pharmacy within a licensed hospital that contains another hospital wholly within its physical structure that supplies to such contained hospital a quantity of a noncontrolled drug or a schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance normally stocked by such hospitals to provide for the needs of a patient, pursuant to a prescription or medication order of an authorized practitioner, receiving inpatient care on a unit that is operated by the contained hospital, or receiving outpatient care in a setting operated by the contained hospital and such drug or substance is administered onsite by the contained hospital, shall not be deemed a wholesaler under this section; (2) "manufacturer" means (A) a person, whether within or without the boundaries of the state of Connecticut, who produces, prepares, cultivates, grows, propagates, compounds, converts or processes, directly or indirectly, by extraction from substances of

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natural origin or by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, or who packages, repackages, labels or relabels a container under such manufacturer's own or any other trademark or label any drug, device or cosmetic for the purpose of selling such items, or (B) a sterile compounding pharmacy, as defined in section 20-633b, as amended by this act, that dispenses sterile pharmaceuticals without a prescription or a patient-specific medical order; (3) "drug", "device" and "cosmetic" have the same meanings as provided in section 21a-92; and (4) "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer Protection or his or her designee.

- Sec. 511. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) (a) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Material change" means: (A) The addition of a dispensary facility backer or producer backer, (B) a change in the ownership interest of an existing dispensary facility backer or producer backer, (C) the merger, consolidation or other affiliation of a medical marijuana business with another person, (D) the acquisition of all or part of a medical marijuana business by another person, and (E) the transfer of assets or security interests from a medical marijuana business to another person;
- (2) "Medical marijuana business" means a medical marijuana dispensary facility or production facility, licensed pursuant to chapter 420f of the general statutes and the regulations adopted under said chapter;
- 690 (3) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, 691 company, association, trust or other business or tribal entity; and
- (4) "Transfer" means to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, option, convey,
 give or otherwise dispose of or transfer control over, including, but not
 limited to, transfer by way of merger or joint venture not in the ordinary
 course of business.
 - (b) No person shall, directly or indirectly, enter into a transaction that results in a material change to a medical marijuana business, unless all persons involved in the transaction file a written notification with the

Attorney General pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and the waiting period described in subsection (d) of this section has expired.

- (c) The written notice required under subsection (b) of this section shall be in such form and contain such documentary material and information relevant to the proposed transaction as the Attorney General deems necessary and appropriate to enable the Attorney General to determine whether such transaction, if consummated, would violate antitrust laws.
- (d) The waiting period required under subsection (b) of this section shall begin on the date of the receipt by the office of the Attorney General of the completed notification required under subsection (c) of this section from all parties to the transaction and shall end on the thirtieth day after the date of such receipt, unless such time is extended pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.
 - (e) The Attorney General may, in individual cases, terminate the waiting period specified in subsection (d) of this section and allow any person to proceed with a transaction.
 - (f) The Attorney General may, prior to the expiration of the thirty-day waiting period, require, pursuant to a subpoena or voluntarily, the submission of additional information or documentary material relevant to the proposed transaction from a person required to file notification with respect to such transaction under subsection (b) of this section. Upon request for additional information under this subsection, the waiting period shall be extended until thirty days after the parties have substantially complied, as determined solely by the Attorney General, with such request for additional information.
 - (g) Any information or documentary material filed with the Attorney General pursuant to this section shall not be disclosed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 35-42 of the general statutes and, shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, and no such information or documentary material may be made public, except as may be relevant

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- or documentary material shall be returned to the person furnishing such
- 733 information or documentary material upon the termination of the
- 734 Attorney General's review or final determination of any action or
- 735 proceeding commenced thereunder.
- Sec. 512. Subsections (r) to (w), inclusive, of section 22-61l of the
- 737 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 738 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 739 (r) The commissioner may inspect and shall have access to the
- buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real property and
- other information that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out
- 742 the commissioner's duties pursuant to this section from any person
- participating in producing, handling, storing, marketing or researching
- 744 hemp.
- 745 [(s) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any licensee
- of palliative marijuana authorized pursuant to chapter 420f.]
- 747 [(t)] (s) All licensees pursuant to this section shall maintain records
- 748 required by the federal act, the state plan, this section and any regulation
- adopted pursuant to this section. Each licensee shall make such records
- 750 available to the department immediately upon request of the
- 751 commissioner and in electronic format, if available.
- 752 [(u)] (t) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
- 753 the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section
- including, but not limited to, the labeling of producer hemp products.
- 755 [(v)] (u) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)
- 756 Marijuana does not include hemp or hemp products; (2) THC that does
- not exceed 0.3 per cent by dry weight and that is found in hemp shall
- 758 not be considered to be THC that constitutes a controlled substance; (3)
- 759 hemp-derived cannabidiols, including CBD, shall not constitute
- 760 controlled substances or adulterants solely on the basis of containing
- 761 CBD; and (4) hemp products that contain one or more hemp-derived

cannabidiols, such as CBD, intended for ingestion shall be considered foods, not controlled substances or adulterated products solely on the basis of the containing hemp-derived cannabidiols.

- [(w)] (v) Whenever the commissioner believes or has reasonable cause to believe that the actions of a licensee or any employee of a producer licensee are in violation of the federal act, the state plan, or any state law concerning the growing, cultivation, handling, transporting or possession of marijuana, the commissioner shall notify the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the <u>Division of State Police</u>.
- Sec. 513. Subsection (g) of section 22-61m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
- (g) Nothing in this [section shall be construed to apply to any licensee of palliative marijuana authorized pursuant to chapter 420f] chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter shall be construed to apply to persons licensed pursuant to section 21a-408i nor to require persons licensed pursuant to said section to obtain a license pursuant to this chapter.
- Sec. 514. Subsection (k) of section 22-61m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
- 784 (k) Any hemp intended to be manufactured into a manufacturer 785 hemp product shall be tested by an independent testing laboratory 786 located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall make available 787 samples, in an amount and type determined by the Commissioner of 788 Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent testing laboratory 789 employee to select random samples. The independent testing laboratory 790 shall test each sample for microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, 791 heavy metals and pesticide chemical residue, and for purposes of 792 conducting an active ingredient analysis, if applicable, as determined by 793 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

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Sec. 515. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section, "producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-408 of the general statutes and "hemp" and "hemp products" have the same meanings as provided in section 22a-61*l* of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Any producer licensed under section 21a-408 of the general statutes shall manufacture, market, produce or store hemp and hemp products in accordance with the provisions of chapter 420f of the general statutes and any regulations adopted under said chapter. Producers may obtain hemp and hemp products from a person authorized under the laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign entity to possess and sell such hemp and hemp products.

- (b) Hemp or hemp products purchased by producers from third parties shall be tracked as a separate batch throughout the manufacturing process in order to document the disposition of such hemp or hemp products. Hemp or hemp products obtained, manufactured, marketed, produced or stored by a producer shall be deemed marijuana and shall comply with the requirements for marijuana contained in the applicable provisions of the general statutes and any regulations adopted under such provisions. Producers shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp or hemp products and invoice and transport documents that evidence the quantity purchased and date received.
- (c) No hemp or hemp products shall be sold or distributed within a dispensary facility that is licensed under chapter 420f of the general statutes.
- Sec. 516. Section 30-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- For the interpretation of this chapter, unless the context indicates a different meaning:
- 824 (1) "Airline" means any United States airline carrier, holding a 825 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil

Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, or any foreign flag carrier, holding a permit under Section 402 of such act.

- (2) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, rectified either once or more often, whatever may be the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered nonpotable.
 - (3) "Alcoholic liquor" or "alcoholic beverage" includes the four varieties of liquor defined in subdivisions (2), (5), (16) and (17) of this section (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes. Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the four varieties so defined is considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher percentage of alcohol, according to the following order: Alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, except as provided in subdivision [(20)] (17) of this section. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any liquid or solid containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume.
 - (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is himself the proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or unincorporated, engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor, in which business a permittee is associated, whether as employee, agent or part owner.
 - (5) "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, malt and hops in drinking water.
 - (6) (A) "Case price" means the price of a container of cardboard, wood or other material, containing units of the same size and class of alcoholic liquor, and (B) a case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer, cordials, cocktails, wines and prepared mixed drinks, shall be in the number and quantity, or fewer, with the permission of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of units or bottles as follows: (i) Six one thousand seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; (ii) twelve one liter bottles; (iii)

858 twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; (iv) twenty-four three 859 hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles; (v) forty-eight two hundred 860 milliliter bottles; (vi) sixty one hundred milliliter bottles; or (vii) one 861 hundred twenty fifty milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter 862 bottles may be in a number and quantity as originally configured, 863 packaged and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to 864 shipment, provided such number of bottles does not exceed two 865 hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize fewer numbers or 866 quantities of units or bottles as specified in this subdivision for any one 867 person or entity more than eight times in any calendar year. For the 868 purposes of this subdivision, "class" has the same meaning as defined in 869 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits, as defined in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, and as defined 870 in 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

- (7) "Charitable organization" means any nonprofit organization 872 organized for charitable purposes to which has been issued a ruling by 873 the Internal Revenue Service classifying it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 875 (8) "Coliseum" means a coliseum as defined in section 30-33a.
- 876 (9) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission and 877 "department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.
- 878 (10) "Mead" means fermented honey, with or without adjunct 879 ingredients or additions, regardless of alcohol content, regardless of 880 process, and regardless of being sparkling, carbonated or still.
- 881 (11) "Minor" means any person under twenty-one years of age.
- 882 (12) "Person" means natural person including partners but shall not 883 include corporations, limited liability companies, joint stock companies 884 or other associations of natural persons.
- (13) "Proprietor" [shall include] includes all owners of businesses or 885 886 clubs, included in subdivision (4) of this section, whether such owners 887 individuals, partners, joint stock companies, fiduciaries,

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stockholders of corporations or otherwise, but [shall] <u>does</u> not include persons or corporations who are merely creditors of such businesses or clubs, whether as note holders, bond holders, landlords or franchisors.

- (14) "Dining room" means a room or rooms in premises operating under a hotel permit, hotel beer permit, restaurant permit, restaurant permit for beer or cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (j) or (k) of section 30-22a, where meals are customarily served, within the room or rooms, to any member of the public who has means of payment and proper demeanor.
- 897 (15) "Restaurant" means a restaurant, as defined in section 30-22.
 - (16) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other substances in solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.
- 901 (17) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the 902 fermentation of the natural sugar content of fruits, such as grapes or 903 apples or other agricultural products, containing sugar, including 904 fortified wines such as port, sherry and champagne.
- 905 (18) "Nonprofit public television corporation" means a nonprofit public television corporation, as defined in section 30-37d.
- 907 Sec. 517. Section 30-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- When any town has so voted upon the question of liquor permits, any liquor permit granted in such town which is not in accordance with such vote shall be void except manufacturer permits [, railroad permits and golf country club] and cafe permits issued pursuant to subsections (g) and (k) of section 30-22a.
- 914 Sec. 518. Section 30-13a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- In any case in which a town has, under the provisions of this part,

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acted, prior to October 1, 1965, to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquor or restrict such sale to beer only, such action shall not apply to the sale of alcoholic liquor under a [golf country club] <u>cafe</u> permit <u>issued pursuant to subsection (g) of section 30-22a</u>, except that the granting of any such permit by the Department of Consumer Protection shall be subject to the provisions of section 30-25a, <u>as amended by this act.</u> [provided any such permit issued prior to October 1, 1973, shall be subject to the provisions of said section 30-25a only if the holder fails to renew such permit or it is revoked by the department for cause.]

- Sec. 519. Subsection (a) of section 30-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) A permit shall be a purely personal privilege that expires annually, except a permit issued under sections 30-25, <u>as amended by this act</u>, 30-35, 30-37b, 30-37d, 30-37g and 30-37h, and revocable in the discretion of the Department of Consumer Protection subject to appeal as provided in section 30-55, <u>as amended by this act</u>. A permit shall not constitute property, nor shall it be subject to attachment and execution, nor shall it be alienable, except that it shall descend to the estate of a deceased permittee by the laws of testate or intestate succession. [A railroad permit or an] <u>An</u> airline permit <u>or a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (k) of section 30-22a</u> shall be granted to the [railroad corporation or] airline corporation <u>or railway corporation</u> and not to any person, and the corporation shall be the permittee.
- Sec. 520. Subsection (b) of section 30-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
- (b) The holder of a cafe permit <u>issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-22a</u> may operate a juice bar or similar facility at a permit premises if the juice bar or similar facility is limited to a room or rooms or separate area within the permit premises wherein there is no sale, consumption, dispensing or presence of alcoholic liquor.

949 Sec. 521. Section 30-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

Spouses of members of any club or golf country club which holds a permit under [the provisions of this chapter] <u>subsection (g) or (h) of section 30-22a</u> may be allowed to participate in all of the privileges of [said] <u>such</u> club or golf country club, by vote of [said] <u>such</u> members, and shall not be considered guests for purposes of the general statutes or regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection.

957 Sec. 522. Section 30-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

Auxiliary members who are spouses of members or surviving spouses of former deceased members of any club <u>specified in subsections (g) to (i), inclusive, of section 30-22a</u> which holds a permit under the provisions of this chapter may be allowed to participate in all the privileges of such club, by vote of such club members and shall not be considered guests for purposes of the general statutes or regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Sec. 523. Section 30-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) A special club permit shall allow the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink at retail to be consumed at the grounds of an outdoor picnic conducted by a club or golf country club. Such permits shall be issued only to holders of [club or golf country club] <u>cafe</u> permits <u>issued</u> <u>pursuant to subsections (g) to (i), inclusive, of section 30-22a</u> and shall be issued on a daily basis subject to the hours of sale in section 30-91, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and shall be the same as provided therein for clubs and golf country clubs. The exception that applies to [railroad and boat] <u>cafe</u> permits <u>issued pursuant to subsections (j) and (k) of section 30-22a that is set forth</u> in section 30-48, <u>as amended by this act</u>, shall apply to such a special club permit. No such club or golf country club shall be granted more than four such special club permits during any one calendar year.

(b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall have full discretion in the issuance of such special club permits as to suitability of place and may [make] adopt any regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, with respect thereto.

- (c) The fee for such a special club permit shall be fifty dollars per day.
- 986 Sec. 524. Section 30-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

Notwithstanding any provision of part III of this chapter, but subject to the approval by referendum of the municipality wherein the golf club is located, a [club] <u>cafe</u> permit, <u>as specified in subsection (g) of section 30-22a</u>, shall be granted by the Department of Consumer Protection, in the manner provided in section 30-39, <u>as amended by this act</u>, to any golf club which has been in existence as a bona fide organization for at least five years and which maintains a golf course of not less than eighteen holes and a course length of at least fifty-five hundred yards, and a club house with full facilities, including locker rooms, a restaurant and a lounge, to serve only members and their guests, but no outside parties or groups of nonmembers. The cost of such referendum shall be borne by such golf club.

- Sec. 525. Section 30-37f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or regulation to the contrary, (1) the state of Connecticut, as owner or lessor of premises at Bradley International Airport, shall be permitted to enter into an arrangement with any concessionaire or lessee holding a permit or permits at Bradley International Airport, and receive payments from such concessionaire or lessee, without regard to the level or percentage of gross receipts from the gross sales of alcoholic liquor by such concessionaire or lessee; (2) any person may be a permittee for more than one [airport permit or class of airport permit] cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a; and (3) any area subject to a permit in Bradley International Airport that is contiguous to or within

1013 any concourse area shall not be required to provide a single point of 1014 egress or ingress or to effectively separate the bar area or any dining 1015 area from the concourse area by means of partitions, fences, or doors, 1016 provided that a permittee of such area may be required by the 1017 Department of Consumer Protection to provide a barrier to separate the 1018 back bar area from the concourse area to prevent public access to the 1019 portion of the back bar area from which liquor is dispensed, if physically 1020 practicable.

- (b) Sections 30-9 to 30-13a, inclusive, as amended by this act, section 30-23, subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 30-39, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section 30-39, as amended by this act, and sections 30-44, 30-46, as amended by this act, 30-48a, as amended by this act, and 30-91a, as amended by this act, shall not apply to Jany class of airport permit] a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a.
- 1028 Sec. 526. Section 30-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1029 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

1030 Each permit granted under the provisions of [section] sections 30-16, as amended by this act, 30-17, as amended by this act, 30-20, as amended 1032 by this act, [30-20a,] 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22a, as amended by this act, 1033 [30-23, 30-24a, 30-26, 30-28,] 30-28a, [30-29,] 30-33a [, 30-33b,] and 30-36, as amended by this act, [30-37c or 30-37e,] shall also, under the 1034 1035 regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection, allow the 1036 storage, on the premises and at one other secure location registered with 1037 and approved by the department, of sufficient quantities of alcoholic 1038 liquor respectively allowed to be sold under such permits as may be 1039 necessary for the business conducted by the respective permittees or 1040 their backers; but no such permit shall be granted under the provisions of section 30-16 or 30-17, as amended by this act, unless such storage 1042 facilities are provided and the place of storage receives the approval of 1043 the department as to suitability, and thereafter no place of storage shall 1044 be changed nor any new place of storage utilized without the approval 1045 of the department.

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Sec. 527. Section 30-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

The Department of Consumer Protection shall refuse permits for the sale of alcoholic liquor to the following persons: (1) Any state marshal, judicial marshal, judge of any court, prosecuting officer or member of any police force, (2) a minor, and (3) any constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties and is considered a peace officer by town ordinance pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 54-1f, any constable who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, who performs criminal law enforcement duties pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 54-1f, or any special constable appointed pursuant to section 7-92. This section shall not apply to out-of-state shippers' [, boat] permits, cafe permits issued pursuant to subsection (j) of section 30-22a and airline permits. As used in this section, "minor" means a minor, as defined in section 1-1d or as defined in section 30-1, as amended by this act, whichever age is older.

Sec. 528. Section 30-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, except as to a store engaged chiefly in the sale of groceries, in its discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor if it has reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the proximity of the permit premises will have a detrimental effect upon any church, public or parochial school, convent, charitable institution, whether supported by private or public funds, hospital or veterans' home or any camp, barracks or flying field of the armed forces; (2) that such location is in such proximity to a no-permit town that it is apparent that the applicant is seeking to obtain the patronage of such town; (3) that the number of permit premises in the locality is such that the granting of a permit is detrimental to the public interest, and, in reaching a conclusion in this respect, the department may consider the character of, the population of, the number of like permits and number of all permits existent in, the particular town and the immediate neighborhood concerned, the effect

which a new permit may have on such town or neighborhood or on like permits existent in such town or neighborhood; (4) that the place has been conducted as a lewd or disorderly establishment; (5) that the backer does not have a right to occupy the permit premises; (6) that drive-up sales of alcoholic liquor are being made at the permit premises; or (7) that there is any other reason as provided by state or federal law or regulation which warrants such refusal.

- (b) (1) The existence of a coliseum permit [or a coliseum concession permit] shall not be a factor to be taken into consideration under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section. (2) The provisions of subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the granting of a coliseum permit. [or a coliseum concession permit. (3) The provisions of subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the granting of any special sporting facility permit provided for in section 30-33b.]
- 1094 **I**(c) Alcoholic liquor may be sold at retail for consumption within a 1095 special sporting facility only under the permits provided for in section 30-33b. The number of permits of any class, the location where alcoholic 1097 liquor is to be sold under any such permit, the number of locations to be 1098 operated under a special sporting facility concession permit, and the 1099 areas within such facility where alcoholic liquor may be consumed shall 1100 be determined by the Department of Consumer Protection in its discretion.]
- 1102 Sec. 529. Section 30-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 1104 The issuance of a coliseum permit [or a coliseum concession permit, 1105 or both,] shall not prohibit the issuance of a restaurant permit permitted 1106 under this chapter for a restaurant within a coliseum.
- Sec. 530. Section 30-48 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1107 1108 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1109 (a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or

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permittee of any other permit class except in the case of Jany class of airport, railroad, airline and boat permits, cafe permits issued pursuant to subsection (d), (j) or (k) of section 30-22a and except that: (1) A backer of a hotel or restaurant permit may be a backer of both such classes; (2) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit or a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-22a may be a holder or backer of any other or all of such classes; (3) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit may be a holder or backer of a [bowling establishment] cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (f) of section 30-22a; (4) a backer of a restaurant permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit [or a coliseum concession permit, or both,] when such restaurant is within a coliseum; (5) a backer of a hotel permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit; [or a coliseum concession permit, or both; (6) a backer of a coliseum permit may be a backer of a coliseum concession permit; (7) a backer of a coliseum concession permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit; (8)] (6) a backer of a grocery store beer permit may be a backer of a package store permit if such was the case on or before May 1, 1996; [(9)] (7) a backer of a [university] cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (m) of section 30-22a, as amended by this act, may be a backer of a nonprofit theater permit; [(10)] (8) a backer of a nonprofit theater permit may be a holder or backer of a hotel permit or a coliseum permit; [(11) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit may be a holder or backer of a special outing facility permit; (12)] (9) a backer of a concession permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit; [or a coliseum concession permit, or both; (13)] (10) a holder of an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37m, or of both such permits; [(14)] (11) a holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor other than beer may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit; [(15)] (12) a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or the holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit, a wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37l, a farmers' market sales permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-37o, an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit issued pursuant to

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section 30-16a or of any combination of such permits; [(16)] (13) a holder of a manufacturer permit for beer may be a holder of a farmers' market sales permit issued pursuant to section 30-37o; [. Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit; and (17)] (14) the holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits, a manufacturer permit for beer, a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may be a holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit, a restaurant permit or a restaurant permit for wine and beer; and (15) the holder of a restaurant permit or a cafe permit may be the holder of a seasonal outdoor open-air permit issued pursuant to section 565 of this act. Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit. No holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew pub and no spouse or child of such holder may be a holder or backer of more than three restaurant permits or cafe permits.

(b) No permittee or backer thereof and no employee or agent of such permittee or backer shall borrow money or receive credit in any form for a period in excess of thirty days, directly or indirectly, from any manufacturer permittee, or backer thereof, or from any wholesaler permittee, or backer thereof, of alcoholic liquor or from any member of the family of such manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or from any stockholder in a corporation manufacturing or wholesaling such liquor, and no manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or wholesaler permittee or backer thereof or member of the family of either of such permittees or of any such backer, and no stockholder of a corporation manufacturing or wholesaling such liquor shall lend money or otherwise extend credit, directly or indirectly, to any such permittee or backer thereof or to the employee or agent of any such permittee or backer. A wholesaler permittee or backer, or a manufacturer permittee or backer, that has not received payment in full from a retailer permittee or backer within thirty days after the date such credit was extended to such retailer or backer or to an employee or agent of any such retailer or backer, shall give a written notice of obligation to such retailer within the five days following the expiration of the thirty-day period of credit. The notice of obligation shall state: The amount due; the date credit was

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extended; the date the thirty-day period ended, and that the retailer is in violation of this section. A retailer who disputes the accuracy of the "notice of obligation" shall, within the ten days following the expiration of the thirty-day period of credit, give a written response to notice of obligation to the department and give a copy to the wholesaler or manufacturer who sent the notice. The response shall state the retailer's basis for dispute and the amount, if any, admitted to be owed for more than thirty days; the copy forwarded to the wholesaler or manufacturer shall be accompanied by the amount admitted to be due, if any, and such payment shall be made and received without prejudice to the rights of either party in any civil action. Upon receipt of the retailer's response, the chairman of the commission or such chairman's designee shall conduct an informal hearing with the parties being given equal opportunity to appear and be heard. If the chairman or such chairman's designee determines that the notice of obligation is accurate, the department shall forthwith issue an order directing the wholesaler or manufacturer to promptly give all manufacturers and wholesalers engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state, a "notice of delinquency". The notice of delinquency shall identify the delinquent retailer, and state the amount due and the date of the expiration of the thirty-day credit period. No wholesaler or manufacturer receiving a notice of delinquency shall extend credit by the sale of alcoholic liquor or otherwise to such delinquent retailer until after the manufacturer or wholesaler has received a "notice of satisfaction" from the sender of the notice of delinquency. If the chairman or such chairman's designee determines that the notice of obligation is inaccurate, the department shall forthwith issue an order prohibiting a notice of delinquency. The party for whom the determination by the chairman or such chairman's designee was adverse, shall promptly pay to the department a part of the cost of the proceedings as determined by the chairman or such chairman's designee, which shall not be less than fifty dollars. The department may suspend or revoke the permit of any permittee who, in bad faith, gives an incorrect notice of obligation, an incorrect response to notice of obligation, or an unauthorized notice of delinquency. If the department

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does not receive a response to the notice of obligation within such tenday period, the delinquency shall be deemed to be admitted and the wholesaler or manufacturer who sent the notice of obligation shall, within the three days following the expiration of such ten-day period, give a notice of delinquency to the department and to all wholesalers and manufacturers engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state. A notice of delinquency identifying a retailer who does not file a response within such ten-day period shall have the same effect as a notice of delinquency given by order of the chairman or such chairman's designee. A wholesaler permittee or manufacturer permittee that has given a notice of delinquency and that receives full payment for the credit extended, shall, within three days after the date of full payment, give a notice of satisfaction to the department and to all wholesalers and manufacturers to whom a notice of delinquency was sent. The prohibition against extension of credit to such retailer shall be void upon such full payment. The department may revoke or suspend any permit for a violation of this section. An appeal from an order of revocation or suspension issued in accordance with this section may be taken in accordance with section 30-60.

(c) If there is a proposed change or change in ownership of a retail permit premises, no application for a permit shall be approved until the applicant files with the department an affidavit executed by the seller of the retail permit premises stating that all obligations of the predecessor permittee for the purchase of alcoholic liquor at such permit premises have been paid or that such applicant did not receive direct or indirect consideration from the predecessor permittee. [If a wholesaler permittee alleges the applicant received direct or indirect consideration from the predecessor permittee or that there remain outstanding liquor obligations, such wholesaler permittee may file with the department an affidavit, along with supporting documentation to establish receipt of consideration or outstanding liquor obligations. Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's sole discretion, shall determine whether a hearing is warranted on such allegations.] The commissioner may waive the requirement of such

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seller's affidavit upon finding that (1) the predecessor permittee 1248 1249 abandoned the premises prior to the filing of the application, and (2) 1250 such permittee did not receive any consideration, direct or indirect, for such permittee's abandonment. For the purposes of this subsection, "consideration" means the receipt of legal tender or goods or services for 1253 the purchase of alcoholic liquor remaining on the premises of the 1254 predecessor permittee, for which bills remain unpaid.

- (d) A permittee may file a designation of an authorized agent with the department to issue or receive all notices or documents provided for in this section. The permittee shall be responsible for the issuance or receipt of such notices or documents by the agent.
- 1259 (e) The period of credit permitted under this section shall be 1260 calculated as the time elapsing between the date of receipt of the 1261 alcoholic liquors by the purchaser and the date of full legal discharge of 1262 the purchaser through the payment of cash or its equivalent from all 1263 indebtedness arising from the transaction except that, if the last day for 1264 payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the last day for 1265 payment shall then be the next business day.
 - Sec. 531. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 30-48a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2021):
 - (a) No person, and no backer, as defined in section 30-1, as amended by this act, shall, except as provided in this section, acquire an interest in more than four alcoholic beverage retail permits, except that on and after July 1, [2016] 2021, such person or backer may acquire an interest in no more than [five] six alcoholic beverage retail permits, but nothing in this section shall (1) require any such person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest in more than two such permits to surrender, dispose of or release his or her interest in any such permit or permits nor shall it affect his or her right to continue to hold, use and renew such permits, or (2) prohibit any such person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest in more than two such permits from transferring his or her interest in such

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permits by inter vivos or testamentary disposition, including living trusts, to his or her spouse or child, or such spouse's or child's living trust or prohibit such spouse or child from accepting such a transfer notwithstanding that such spouse or child may already hold another permit issued under the provisions of this chapter. Any such permit so transferred may be renewed by such transferee under the provisions of section 30-14a. Except as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, a person shall be deemed to acquire an interest in a retail permit if an interest is owned by such person, such person's spouse, children, partners, or an estate, trust, or corporation controlled by such person or such person's spouse, children, or any combination thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any such interest without regard to whether such interest is a controlling interest. For the purposes of this subsection, "person" means (A) an individual, (B) a corporation or any subsidiary of a corporation, or (C) any combination of corporations or individuals any of whom, or any combination of whom, owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than five per cent of any entity which is a backer, as defined in [said] section 30-1, as amended by this act.

- 1299 (b) A retail permit, for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, 1300 means a package store liquor permit or a druggist liquor permit.
- 1301 (c) Membership in any organization which is or may become the 1302 holder of a [club] cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (h) of section 1303 30-22a shall not constitute acquisition of an interest in a retail permit.
- 1304 Sec. 532. Section 30-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1305 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
 - [(a)] No permit may be issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor in any building, a portion of which will not be used as the permit premises, unless the application therefor is accompanied by an affidavit signed and [sworn to] <u>affirmed</u> by the applicant, stating that access from the portion of the building that will not be used as the permit premises to the portion of the building that will be used as the permit premises is

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effectually closed, unless the Department of Consumer Protection endorses upon such application that it has dispensed with such affidavit for reasons considered by it good and satisfactory and also endorses thereon such reasons. If any way of access from the other portion of such building to the portion used as the permit premises is opened, after such permit is issued, without the consent of the Department of Consumer Protection endorsed on such permit, such permit shall thereupon become and be forfeited, with or without notice from the Department of Consumer Protection, and shall be null and void. If such applicant or any permittee or any backer thereof opens, causes to be opened, permits to be opened or allows to remain open, at any time during the term for which such permit is issued, any way of access from any portion of a building not part of the permit premises to any other portion of such building that is the permit premises, without the written consent of the Department of Consumer Protection endorsed on such permit, such persons or backers shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 30-113, as amended by this act. The Department of Consumer Protection shall require every applicant for a permit to sell alcoholic liquor to state under oath whether any portion of the building in which it is proposed to carry on such business will not be used as the permit premises; and, if so, [said] the Department of Consumer Protection shall appoint a suitable person to examine the premises and to see that any and all access between the portion so to be used for the sale of alcoholic liquor and the portion not so used is effectually closed, and may designate the manner of such closing, and, if necessary, order seals to be placed so that such way of access cannot be opened without breaking the seals, and the breaking or removal of such seals or other methods of preventing access, so ordered and provided, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. The above provisions shall not apply to any premises operating under a hotel permit. [, or any premises operating under a restaurant permit, which premises are located in or attached to a motel, and shall not apply to any entrance to a building in which is located premises operating under a tavern permit, which entrance opens into the rear or side yard of such tavern premises and is used solely as an emergency exit or for the delivery of goods to, or carrying

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- or conveying goods from, any permit premises.
- [(b) "Motel" means every building or other structure kept, used,
- maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where
- 1350 sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to transient guests,
- usually, but not limited to, motorists, but is not a place where food is
- 1352 served at all times or where kitchen and dining room facilities
- 1353 necessarily exist.]
- Sec. 533. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer
- 1357 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed by
- the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club or
- 1359 place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the
- 1360 place of filing of [railroad and boat permits] a cafe permit issued
- pursuant to subsection (j) or (k) of section 30-22a shall be the office of
- the town clerk of the town of New Haven, and airline permits, the office
- of the town clerk of the town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be
- twenty dollars.
- Sec. 534. Section 30-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 1367 Every permittee, other than a corporation holding a [railroad or
- airline permit cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (k) of section
- 1369 <u>30-22a</u>, shall cause his <u>or her</u> permit or a duplicate thereof to be framed
- and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place in any room where the
- sales so permitted are to be carried on.
- 1372 Sec. 535. Subsection (b) of section 30-68l of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
- 1374 2021):
- (b) Subject to prior approval from the manufacturer or out-of-state
- shipper, a wholesaler may sell to a retail licensee a [nonuniform] <u>family</u>

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brand case, containing bottles only of one family brand. Wholesalers who do not hold exclusive rights to a given brand trademark may also sell to a retail licensee a [nonuniform] family brand case containing bottles only of one family brand, provided all of the bottles in such [nonuniform] family brand case are available to all nonexclusive wholesalers who also have rights to the given brand trademarks. For purposes of this subsection, "family brand" [means a group of different products belonging to a single brand that are marketed under a parent brand] has the same meaning as provided in subsection (d) of section 30-63.

Sec. 536. Section 30-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

No person who is, by statute or regulation, declared to be an unsuitable person to hold a permit to sell alcoholic liquor shall be allowed to have a financial interest in any such permit business. Except as provided in section 30-90a, no minor shall be employed in any premises operating under a [tavern] <u>cafe</u> permit in any capacity or in handling any alcoholic liquor upon, in delivering any alcoholic liquor to, or in carrying or conveying any alcoholic liquor from, any permit premises.

Sec. 537. Section 30-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

Any permittee who, by himself, his servant or agent, permits any minor or any person to whom the sale or gift of alcoholic liquor has been forbidden according to law to loiter on his premises where such liquor is kept for sale, or allows any minor other than a person over age eighteen who is an employee or permit holder under section 30-90a or a minor accompanied by his parent or guardian, to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be subject to the penalties of section 30-113, as amended by this act. For barrooms consisting of only one room and for premises without effective separation between a barroom and a dining room, no minor may sit or stand at a consumer

bar without being accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse.

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Sec. 538. Section 30-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, Connecticut craft cafe permits, restaurant permits for catering establishments, [bowling establishment permits, racquetball facility permits, club permits,] coliseum permits, [coliseum concession permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting facility bar permits, golf country club permits,] nonprofit public museum permits, [university permits, airport restaurant permits, airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, manufacturer permits for beer, casino permits, caterer liquor permits and charitable organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

(b) Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under subsection (a) of this section, except sales pursuant to [an airport restaurant permit, airport bar permit or airport airline club permit] a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a, shall be permissible. In all cases when

a town, either by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, has acted on the sale of alcoholic liquor or the reduction of the number of hours when such sale is permissible, such action shall become effective on the first day of the month succeeding such action and no further action shall be taken until at least one year has elapsed since the previous action was taken.

- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, such sale or dispensing or consumption or presence in glasses in places operating under a [bowling establishment] <u>cafe</u> permit <u>issued</u> <u>pursuant to subsection (f) of section 30-22a</u> shall be unlawful before eleven a.m. on any day, except in that portion of the permit premises which is located in a separate room or rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment, is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a [bowling establishment] <u>cafe</u> permit <u>issued</u> <u>pursuant to subsection (f) of section 30-22a</u> shall be served in containers such as, but not limited to, plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under this subsection shall be permissible.
- (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor <u>for off-premises</u> <u>consumption</u> in places operating under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for beer or grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day and Christmas; and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor <u>for off-premises consumption</u> in places operating under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for beer and grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after six o'clock p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be permissible.
 - (e) (1) In the case of any premises operating under a [tavern] cafe

permit, wherein, under the provisions of this section, the sale of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on certain days or hours of the day, or during the period when a [tavern] <u>cafe</u> permit is suspended, it shall likewise be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit it to be occupied by, the public on such days or hours.

- (2) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit, it shall be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit such premises to be occupied by, the public between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Saturday and Sunday or during any period of time when such permit is suspended, provided the sale or the dispensing or consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.
- (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, in the case of any premises operating under a [tavern or] cafe permit, it shall be lawful for such premises to be open to, or be occupied by, the public when such premises is being used as a site for film, television, video or digital production eligible for a film production tax credit pursuant to section 12-217jj, provided the sale or the dispensing or consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such [tavern or] cafe permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or the dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.
- (f) The retail sale and the tasting of free samples of wine, cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by volume, apple brandy, eau-de-vie and mead by visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead on the premises of such permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the

number of hours during which sales and the tasting of free samples of products under this subsection shall be permissible.

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- (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section, food or nonalcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed or consumed in places operating under [an airport restaurant permit, an airport bar permit or an airport airline club] a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a, at any time, as allowed by agreement between the Connecticut Airport Authority and its lessees or concessionaires. In the case of premises operating at Bradley International Airport under [an airport airline club] a cafe permit, the sale, dispensing or consumption or the presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m., (2) Saturday and Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m., (3) Christmas, except for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (4) January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m.
 - (h) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under a nonprofit golf tournament permit shall be unlawful on any day prior to nine o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m.
- (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any permittee to continue the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor until the closing hour established under this section.
- (j) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a wine festival permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37*l* or 30-37m shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m., and on any other day

before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which the retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine pursuant to this subsection shall be permissible.

- (k) The sale of products at a farmers' market by a permittee holding a farmers' market sales permit pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-370 shall be unlawful on any day before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m., provided such permittee shall not sell such products at a farmers' market at any time during such hours that the farmers' market is not open to the public. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales of products under this subsection shall be permissible.
- (l) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section, it shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k, to allow the presence of alcoholic liquor in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption thereof by an individual at any time on its gaming facility, as defined in subsection (a) of section 30-37k, provided such alcoholic liquor shall not be served to a patron of such casino during the hours specified in subsection (a) of this section. For purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor" [shall] does not include bottles of distilled spirits or bottles of wine.
- Sec. 539. Section 30-91a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) In all cases where a town, either by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, had, prior to April 30, 1971, authorized the sale of alcoholic liquor on Sunday between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and nine o'clock in the evening, such sale shall be authorized until the time specified in section 30-91, as amended by this act, unless an earlier closing hour is established by town meeting or ordinance after April 30, 1971.
- 1571 (b) Nothing in section 30-91, as amended by this act, shall be

1572 construed to supersede any action taken by a town prior to May 25, 1971,

- to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquor in such town from midnight on
- 1574 Saturday until one a.m. on Sunday and such action shall be construed
- 1575 to prohibit such sale from midnight on Saturday until two a.m. on
- 1576 Sunday in such town.
- 1577 [(c) In all towns in which the sale of alcoholic liquor on Sunday
- 1578 between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and the time specified in
- 1579 section 30-91 is permitted, prior to June 5, 1975, in a place operating
- under a hotel permit, a restaurant permit or a cafe permit, such sale shall
- be authorized on Sunday between such hours in a place operating under
- 1582 a tavern permit unless such sale is prohibited by town meeting or
- ordinance after June 5, 1975.]
- [(d)] (c) In all towns that have authorized the sale of alcoholic liquor
- on Sunday commencing at twelve o'clock noon, either by vote of a town
- meeting or by ordinance, such sale shall be permitted commencing at
- 1587 eleven o'clock a.m. in places operating under permits listed in
- subsection (a) of section 30-91, as amended by this act, unless a later
- opening hour is established by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance
- 1590 after July 1, 1981.
- 1591 Sec. 540. Section 30-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1592 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 1593 Every regulation made by the Department of Consumer Protection
- under the authority of this chapter shall be furnished to each permittee
- 1595 upon request. The department shall biennially, on or before July first in
- the odd-numbered years, [either (1) publish in convenient pamphlet
- 1597 form all regulations then in force and shall furnish upon request copies
- of such pamphlets to every permittee authorized under the provisions
- of this chapter to manufacture or sell alcoholic liquor and to such other
- persons as desire such pamphlets, or (2)] post such regulations on the
- 1601 department's Internet web site.
- Sec. 541. Section 30-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1603 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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The Department of Consumer Protection and any agent thereof authorized to conduct any inquiry, investigation or hearing under the provisions of this chapter [shall have power to] may administer oaths and take testimony under oath relative to the matter of inquiry or investigation. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may withhold from disclosure any complaints or inspections that result in an investigation conducted by the department under this chapter, or any other information obtained by the department during the course of an investigation conducted by the department under this chapter, until the earlier of (1) the date when the investigation is completed, (2) [six] eighteen months after the date when the complaint resulting in the investigation was filed, or (3) [six] eighteen months after the investigation was commenced. At any hearing ordered by the department, the department or such agent having authority by law to issue such process may subpoena witnesses and require the production of records, papers and documents pertinent to such inquiry. No witness under subpoena authorized to be issued by the provisions of this section shall be excused from testifying or from producing records, papers or documents on the ground that such testimony or the production of such records or other documentary evidence would tend to incriminate him, but such evidence or the records or papers so produced and any information directly or indirectly derived from such evidence, records or papers shall not be used in any criminal proceeding against him. If any person disobeys such process or, having appeared in obedience thereto, refuses to answer any pertinent question put to him by the department or its authorized agent or to produce any records and papers pursuant thereto, the department or its agent may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford or for the judicial district wherein the person resides or wherein the business has been conducted, setting forth such disobedience to process or refusal to answer, and the court shall cite such person to appear before the court to answer such question or to produce such records and papers and, upon his refusal so to do, shall commit such person to a community correctional center until he testifies, but not for a longer period than sixty days. Notwithstanding the serving of the term of such

commitment by any person, the department may proceed with such inquiry and examination as if the witness had not previously been called upon to testify. Officers who serve subpoenas issued by the department or under its authority and witnesses attending hearings conducted by it under this section shall receive like fees and compensation as officers and witnesses in the courts of this state to be paid on vouchers of the department on order of the Comptroller.

Sec. 542. Section 30-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) (1) A wholesaler permit shall allow the bottling of alcoholic liquor and the wholesale sale of alcoholic liquor to permittees in this state and without the state, as may be permitted by law, and the sale of alcoholic liquors to vessels engaged in coastwise or foreign commerce, and the sale of alcohol and alcoholic liquor for industrial purposes to nonpermittees, such sales to be made in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection, and the sale of alcohol and alcoholic liquor for medicinal purposes to hospitals and charitable institutions and to religious organizations for sacramental purposes and the receipt from out-of-state shippers of multiple packages of alcoholic liquor. The holder of a wholesaler permit may apply for and shall thereupon receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for direct importation from abroad of alcoholic liquors manufactured outside the United States and an out-of-state shipper's permit for direct importation from abroad of beer manufactured outside the United States. The annual fee for a wholesaler permit shall be two thousand six hundred fifty dollars.

(2) When a holder of a wholesaler permit has had the distributorship of any alcohol, beer, spirits or wine product of a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper for six months or more, such distributorship may be terminated or its geographic territory diminished upon (A) the execution of a written stipulation by the wholesaler and manufacturer or out-of-state shipper agreeing to the change and the approval of such change by the Department of Consumer Protection; or (B) the sending

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of a written notice by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper to the wholesaler, a copy of which notice has been sent simultaneously by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Consumer Protection. No such termination or diminishment shall become effective except for just and sufficient cause, provided such cause shall be set forth in such notice and the Department of Consumer Protection shall determine, after hearing, that just and sufficient cause exists. If an emergency occurs, caused by the wholesaler, prior to such hearing, which threatens the manufacturers' or out-of-state shippers' products or otherwise endangers the business of the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper and said emergency is established to the satisfaction of the Department of Consumer Protection, the department may temporarily suspend such wholesaler permit or take whatever reasonable action the department deems advisable to provide for such emergency and the department may continue such temporary action until its decision after a full hearing. The Department of Consumer Protection shall render its decision with reasonable promptness following such hearing. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper may appoint one or more additional wholesalers as the distributor for an alcohol, spirits or wine product within such territory, provided such appointment shall not be effective until six months from the date such manufacturer or out-of-state shipper sets forth such intention in written notice to the existing wholesaler by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of such notice simultaneously sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Consumer Protection. For just and sufficient cause, a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper may appoint one or more additional wholesalers as the distributor for a beer product within such territory provided such manufacturer or out-of-state shipper sets forth such intention and cause in written notice to the existing wholesaler by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of such notice simultaneously sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Consumer Protection. For the purposes of this section, "just and

sufficient cause" means the existence of circumstances which, in the opinion of a reasonable person considering all of the equities of both the wholesaler and the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper warrants a termination or a diminishment of a distributorship as the case may be. For the purposes of this section, "manufacturer or out-of-state shipper" means the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper who originally granted a distributorship of any alcohol, beer, spirits or wine product to a wholesaler, any successor to such manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which successor has assumed the contractual relationship with such wholesaler by assignment or otherwise, or any other manufacturer or out-of-state shipper who acquires the right to ship such alcohol, beer, spirits or wine into the state.

- (3) Nothing contained [herein] <u>in this section</u> shall be construed to interfere with the authority of the Department of Consumer Protection to retain or adopt reasonable regulations concerning the termination or diminishment of a distributorship held by a wholesaler for less than six months.
- (4) All hearings held [hereunder] <u>under this section</u> shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
 - (b) A wholesaler permit for beer shall be in all respects the same as a wholesaler permit, except that the scope of operations of the holder shall be limited to beer; but shall not prohibit the handling of nonalcoholic merchandise. The holder of a wholesaler permit for beer may apply for and shall thereupon receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for direct importation from abroad of beer manufactured outside the United States. The annual fee for a wholesaler permit for beer shall be one thousand dollars.
 - (c) A wholesaler permittee may offer to industry members and its own staff free samples of alcoholic liquor that it distributes for tasting on the wholesaler's premises. Any offering, tasting, wine education and tasting class demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic

1739 <u>liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No tasting of wine</u>

- on the premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked or open
- bottles at any one time. A wholesaler may offer such tastings to retail
- 1742 permittees not more than four times per year.
- Sec. 543. Section 30-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1744 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 1745 A concession permit shall allow the sale and consumption of beer or 1746 wine on the premises of any fair grounds, ball park, amusement park,
- indoor-outdoor amphitheater, outdoor amphitheater contiguous to and
- 1748 under the same ownership as an amusement park, public golf course or
- sports arena provided no sales of alcoholic liquor shall occur within one
- 1750 hour of the scheduled end of a performance at an indoor-outdoor
- amphitheater constructed to seat not less than fifteen thousand people.
- 1752 A concession permit shall also allow the sale and consumption of
- 1753 alcohol or spirits in all enclosed nonseating areas within an indoor-
- outdoor amphitheater. Such areas shall be enclosed by a fence or wall
- 1755 not less than thirty inches high and separate from each other. No
- 1756 <u>concession permittee, backer, employee or agent of such permittee shall</u>
- sell, offer or deliver more than two drinks of alcoholic liquor at any one
- 1758 <u>time to any person for such person's own consumption.</u> Such permit
- shall be issued in the discretion of the Department of Consumer
- Protection and shall be effective only in accordance with a schedule of hours and days determined by the department for each such permit
- within the limitation of hours and days fixed by law. As used in this
- section, "public golf course" means a golf course of not less than nine
- holes and a course length of not less than twenty-seven hundred fifty
- yards. The fee for a concession permit shall be as follows: For a period
- 1766 of one year, three hundred dollars; for a period of six months, two
- 1767 hundred dollars; and for a period of one day, fifty dollars.
- 1768 Sec. 544. Section 30-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1769 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 1770 A ninety-day provisional permit shall allow the retail sale or

manufacture of alcoholic liquor by any applicant and his or her backer, 1771 1772 if any, who has made application for a liquor permit pursuant to section 1773 30-39, as amended by this act, and may be issued at the discretion of the 1774 Liquor Control Commission or the Department of Consumer Protection. 1775 If [said] such applicant or [his] such applicant's backer, if any, causes 1776 any delay in the investigation conducted by the Department of 1777 Consumer Protection pursuant to said section, the ninety-day 1778 provisional permit shall cease immediately. Only one such permit shall 1779 be issued to any applicant and his or her backer, if any, for each location 1780 of the club or place of business which is to be operated under such 1781 permit and such permit shall be nonrenewable but may be extended due 1782 to delays not caused by the applicant. Such permit shall not be extended 1783 beyond one year from the filing date, as defined in section 30-39, as 1784 amended by this act. The fee for such ninety-day permit shall be five 1785 hundred dollars.

Sec. 545. Section 30-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

A druggist permit may be issued by the Department of Consumer Protection to a drug store proprietor. No druggist permit shall be issued covering a new drug store or a new location for an old drug store until the Commission of Pharmacy is satisfied that a drug store at such location is necessary to the convenience and best interest of the public. A druggist permit (1) shall allow the use of alcoholic liquors for the compounding of prescriptions of physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and dentists and for the manufacturing of all United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary preparations and all other medicinal preparations, (2) shall allow the retail sale and delivery of alcoholic liquor in containers of not less than eight ounces or one hundred eighty-seven and one-half milliliters and not more than one quart or one liter capacity except that beer may be sold in containers of not more than forty ounces or twelve hundred milliliters capacity, to any person, and (3) shall forbid the drinking of such alcoholic liquor on the premises of any drug store. Such permittee shall keep all alcoholic liquors in compartments, which

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1805 compartments shall be securely locked except during those hours when 1806 the sale of alcoholic liquor is permitted by law. The holder of a druggist 1807 permit shall not display any alcoholic liquors or containers, marked or 1808 labeled or in any other way suggesting the contents of intoxicating 1809 liquors, in the windows of the permit premises. The Commission of 1810 Pharmacy shall revoke or suspend the pharmacy license of any 1811 pharmacist upon whose premises any violation of any provision of this 1812 section occurs. The annual fee for a druggist permit shall be five 1813 hundred thirty-five dollars.

Sec. 546. Section 30-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

Any pharmacy licensed by the [Commission of Pharmacy] Department of Consumer Protection may fill the prescription of a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant or dentist for alcoholic liquors at any time without regard to the vote of any town prohibiting the sale of such liquors and may use alcoholic liquors for the compounding of such prescriptions and for the manufacture of all United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary preparations and all other medicinal preparations without the necessity of obtaining a permit from the Department of Consumer Protection, provided each such prescription shall include the name and address of the person for whom it is prescribed and shall be signed with his full name by the person issuing such prescription. Each such prescription shall be filled only once, and the person making a sale on such prescription shall write on the face thereof the number of such prescription and the date of the sale or delivery of such liquor and shall keep such prescription on file and available at all reasonable times for inspection. All alcoholic liquors sold by licensed pharmacies on prescriptions alone shall be kept in compartments, which compartments shall be securely locked except when such liquors are being used in the compounding of the prescriptions.

Sec. 547. Section 30-37j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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(a) A caterer liquor permit shall allow a person regularly engaged in the business of providing food and beverages to others for service at private gatherings or at special events to sell and serve alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption with or without the provision of food at any activity, event or function for which such person has been hired, pursuant to a contract between the holder of the caterer liquor permit and the hiring party. The holder of a caterer liquor permit shall not engage in self-dealing or self-hiring in order to generate catering events. The annual fee for a caterer liquor permit shall be four hundred forty dollars.

- (b) The holder of a caterer liquor permit shall, on a form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection or electronically, notify the department, in writing, of the date, location and hours of each event at which alcohol is served under such permit at least one business day in advance of such event. If the holder of a caterer liquor permit is unable to provide the written notice required under this section due to exigent circumstances, such holder may provide notice to the department by telephone of the date, location and hours of each event at which alcohol is served under such permit.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-48, as amended by this act, a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may be a backer or holder of any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter, except that a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may not be a backer or holder of any other manufacturer permit issued under section 30-16, as amended by this act, or a wholesaler permit issued under section 30-17, as amended by this act.
- (d) The holder of a caterer liquor permit and any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter that prohibits the off-premises consumption of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt from such prohibition for the purposes of conducting such holder's catering business only.
- (e) The holder of a caterer liquor permit shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 30-38, as amended by this act, 30-52, as amended

by this act, and 30-54, as amended by this act, and from the requirements to affix and maintain a placard, as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 30-39, as amended by this act.

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- (f) The holder of a caterer liquor permit may enter into a contract with another business entity to provide exclusive catering services at a specific venue, provided the holder of the caterer liquor permit is available for hire at other venues and is using the permit at other venues. No holder or member of the backer of the caterer liquor permit, nor the holder's or member's spouse or child, shall have an ownership interest in the venue that is subject to the exclusivity agreement.
- Sec. 548. Section 30-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) For the purposes of this section, the "filing date" of an application means the date upon which the department, after approving the application for processing, mails or otherwise delivers to the applicant a placard containing such date.
 - (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a permit shall make [a sworn] an affirmed application therefor to the Department of Consumer Protection upon forms to be furnished by the department, showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth all elements and details of any business transactions connected with the application. Such application shall include a detailed description of the type of live entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of business shall be exempt from providing such detailed description if the club or place of business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to October 1, 1993, and (B) has not altered the type of entertainment provided. The application shall also indicate any crimes of which the applicant or the applicant's backer may have been convicted. Applicants shall submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local building, fire and zoning requirements and local

ordinances concerning hours and days of sale will be met, except that local building and zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale shall not apply to [any class of airport] a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-22a. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified designee shall be responsible for approving compliance with the State Fire Code at Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a permit provided for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's license with such application if such license was issued by the Department of Consumer Protection. The department may, at its discretion, conduct an investigation to determine whether a permit shall be issued to an applicant.

- (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a permit by a charitable organization, including a nonprofit public television corporation, a nonprofit golf tournament permit, a temporary permit or a special club permit; and for all other permits in the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial application. Any permit issued shall be valid only for the purposes and activities described in the application.
- (3) The applicant, immediately after filing an application, shall give notice thereof, with the name and residence of the permittee, the type of permit applied for and the location of the place of business for which such permit is to be issued and the type of live entertainment to be provided, all in a form prescribed by the department, by publishing the same in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the place of business to be operated under such permit is to be located, at least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be not more than seven days after the filing date of the application and the last publication not more than fourteen days after the filing date of the application. The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible condition

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1969 1970 upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of business is to be located and clearly visible from the public highway, the placard provided by the department, not later than the day following the receipt of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door of such premises is so far from the public highway that such placard is not clearly visible as provided, the department shall direct a suitable method to notify the public of such application. When an application is filed for any type of permit for a building that has not been constructed, such applicant shall erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not less than six feet by four feet upon the site where such place of business is to be located, instead of such placard upon the outer door of the building. The sign shall set forth the type of permit applied for and the name of the proposed permittee, shall be clearly visible from the public highway and shall be so erected not later than the day following the receipt of the placard. Such applicant shall make a return to the department, under oath, of compliance with the foregoing requirements, in such form as the department may determine, but the department may require any additional proof of such compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of such compliance, the department may hold a hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to applications for (A) airline permits, (B) charitable organization permits, (C) temporary permits, (D) special club permits, (E) concession permits, (F) military permits, [railroad permits, boat permits,] (G) cafe permits issued pursuant to subsection (j) or (k) of section 30-22a, (H) warehouse permits, (I) brokers' permits, (J) out-of-state shippers' permits for alcoholic liquor and out-of-state shippers' permits for beer, (K) coliseum permits, [coliseum concession permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting facility bar permits,] (L) nonprofit golf tournament permits, (M) nonprofit public television permits, (N) Connecticut craft cafe permits by permittees who held a manufacturer permit for a brew pub or a manufacturer permit for a beer and brew pub prior to July 1, 2020, and (O) renewals of any such permits. The provisions of this subdivision regarding publication and

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placard display shall also be required of any applicant who seeks to amend the type of entertainment either upon filing of a renewal application or upon requesting permission of the department in a form that requires the approval of the municipal zoning official.

- (4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of the current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion shall be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the department and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct ownership. When any partnership changes by reason of the addition of one or more persons, a new application with new fees shall be required.
- (c) Any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age, and are residents of the town within which the business for which the permit or renewal thereof has been applied for, is intended to be operated, or, in the case of a manufacturer's or a wholesaler's permit, any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age and are residents of the state, may file with the department, within three weeks from the last date of publication of notice made pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section for an initial permit, and in the case of renewal of an existing permit, at least twenty-one days before the renewal date of such permit, a remonstrance containing any objection to the suitability of such applicant or proposed place of business, provided any such issue is not controlled by local zoning. Upon the filing of such remonstrance, the department, upon written application, shall hold a hearing and shall give such notice as it deems reasonable of the time and place at least five days before such hearing is had. The remonstrants shall designate one or more agents for service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients of all notices issued by the department. At any time prior to the issuance of a decision by the department, a remonstrance may be withdrawn by the remonstrants or by such agent or agents acting on behalf of such remonstrants and the department may cancel the hearing or withdraw the case. The decision of the department on such application shall be final with respect to the remonstrance.

(d) No new permit shall be issued until the foregoing provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section have been complied with. If no new permit is issued within twelve months of the filing date, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, the application may, in the discretion of the department, be deemed withdrawn and shall then be returned to the applicant. Six months' or seasonal permits may be renewed, provided the renewal application and fee shall be filed at least twenty-one days before the reopening of the business, there is no change in the permittee, ownership or type of permit, and the permittee or backer did not receive a rebate of the permit fee with respect to the permit issued for the previous year.

- (e) The department may renew a permit that has expired if the applicant pays to the department a nonrefundable late fee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 21a-4, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in this chapter for the permit applied for. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to one-day permits, to any permit which is the subject of administrative or court proceedings, or where otherwise provided by law.
- Sec. 549. Section 30-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion, revoke, suspend or place conditions on any permit or provisional permit or impose a fine of not greater than one thousand dollars <u>per violation</u>, upon cause found after hearing, provided ten days' written notice of such hearing has been given to the permittee setting forth, with the particulars required in civil pleadings, the charges upon which such proposed revocation, suspension, <u>condition</u> or fine is predicated. Any appeal from such order of revocation, suspension, <u>condition</u> or fine shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
- (b) The surrender of a permit or provisional permit for cancellation or the expiration of a permit shall not prevent the department from suspending or revoking any such permit pursuant to the provisions of

- 2037 this section.
- Sec. 550. Section 30-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) When any permit is revoked or suspended after a final [conviction] decision pursuant to chapter 54 or upon forfeiture of bond under the provisions of section 30-57, an appeal therefrom shall not act as a stay of execution upon such revocation or suspension. Such revocation or suspension shall become effective immediately.
- 2045 (b) When any permit is revoked or suspended for violation of the 2046 provisions of section 30-38a, an appeal therefrom, may, at the discretion 2047 of the court, act as a stay of execution upon such revocation or 2048 suspension.
- Sec. 551. Section 30-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- The Department of Consumer Protection shall [transmit a certificate of the revocation, suspension or reinstatement of any permit by it to the town clerk of the town within which the permittee is operating or has been operating, which clerk shall attach such certificate to the duplicate copy of such permit on file in his office] post notice of any revocation or suspension of any permit on the department's Internet web site.
- Sec. 552. Section 30-61 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- Service of process in any action in which the commission is a party shall be made upon any member of the commission. [or the secretary of the commission.]
- Sec. 553. Section 30-64b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- The sale of any alcoholic liquor by a wholesale or retail permittee for off-premises consumption at a price the intent of which is to destroy or

prevent competition with any other permittee holding a like permit shall be deemed an unfair pricing practice and a violation of chapter 735a. The Department of Consumer Protection may suspend or revoke any permit upon a finding of an unfair pricing practice. In arriving at such finding, the Department of Consumer Protection shall consider, but not be limited to, the consideration of the following factors: Labor, including salaries of executives and officers, rent, interest on borrowed capital, depreciation, selling cost, maintenance of equipment, delivery costs, credit losses, insurance and warehouse costs.

Sec. 554. Section 30-67 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

In addition to the penalties otherwise provided under this chapter, including those allowed pursuant to section 30-55, as amended by this act, the Department of Consumer Protection may, for any violation of any provision of section 30-64 or of any regulation adopted under subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (b) of section 30-6a, suspend, cancel or revoke any permit as follows: For a first offense, not exceeding ten days' suspension of permit; for a second offense, not exceeding thirty days' suspension of permit; and for a third offense, the department may suspend, cancel or revoke the permit.

Sec. 555. Section 30-68n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Advertise" means the making of any statement or representation in connection with the solicitation of business in any manner by a retail permittee and includes, but is not limited to, statements and representations published in any newspaper or other publication or statements or representations printed in any catalog, circular or other sales literature or brochure; (2) "manufacturer's rebate" means that amount due and payable in accordance with an offer by a permittee other than a retail permittee to refund to a consumer all or a portion of the purchase price of an alcoholic liquor product; and (3) "net price" means the ultimate price paid by a consumer for an alcoholic

2098 liquor product after the consumer has redeemed the manufacturer's 2099 rebate offered for the alcoholic liquor product. Merchandise, novelties 2100 or other items are not permissible manufacturer's rebates. No permittee shall require alcoholic liquor to be purchased in order for a consumer to 2102 receive access to any merchandise, novelty or other item.

- (b) A retail permittee may advertise the existence of a manufacturer's rebate or the net price of an alcoholic liquor product provided such permittee makes all of the following disclosures in such advertisement in type that is the same color, style and size: (1) The sales price of the alcoholic liquor product before the manufacturer's rebate; (2) the amount and expiration date of the manufacturer's rebate; and (3) the net price of the alcoholic liquor product.
- 2110 Sec. 556. Subsection (d) of section 30-86 of the general statutes is 2111 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2112 2021):
 - (d) (1) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee shall electronically or mechanically record or maintain any information derived from a transaction scan, except the following: (A) The name and date of birth of the person listed on the driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder; and (B) the expiration date and identification number of the driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder.
 - (2) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee shall use a transaction scan device for a purpose other than the purposes specified in subsection (c) of this section, subsection (d) of section 53-344 or subsection (e) of section 53-344b.
 - (3) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee shall sell or otherwise disseminate the information derived from a transaction scan to any third party for any purpose, including, but not limited to, any marketing, advertising or promotional activities, except that a permittee or permittee's agent or employee may release that information pursuant to a court order.

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(4) Nothing in subsection (c) of this section or this subsection relieves a permittee or permittee's agent or employee of any responsibility to comply with any other applicable state or federal laws or rules governing the sale, giving away or other distribution of alcoholic liquor.

- (5) Any person who violates this subsection shall be subject to [a civil]
 any penalty [of not more than one thousand dollars] set forth in section
 30-55, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 557. Section 30-93a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 2139 Any person who ships into this state any package or carton 2140 containing alcoholic liquor shall, for each offense, be [fined not more 2141 than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or 2142 both subject to any penalty set forth in section 30-55, as amended by 2143 this act, unless (1) the contents of such package or carton are clearly 2144 marked on the outside of such package or carton, and (2) such person 2145 conditions delivery of such alcoholic liquor upon the signature of an 2146 individual who is (A) at least twenty-one years of age, or (B) legally 2147 authorized to receive such alcoholic liquor under the provisions of this 2148 chapter.
- Sec. 558. Section 30-113 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter for which a specified penalty is not imposed, shall, for each offense, be [fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both] subject to any penalty set forth in section 30-55, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 559. Subsection (m) of section 30-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
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2159 (m) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" [shall include

2160 al includes: (1) A room or building that is subject to the care, custody 2161 and control of The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees; [, or] (2) land and buildings which are subject to the care, custody and control of 2162 an institution offering a program of higher learning, as defined in 2163 2164 section 10a-34, which has been accredited by the Board of Regents for 2165 Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or otherwise is 2166 authorized to award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34; or (3) on land 2167 or in a building situated on or abutting a golf course which is subject to 2168 the care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of 2169 higher learning, as defined in section 10a-34, which has been accredited 2170 by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher 2171 Education or otherwise is authorized to award a degree pursuant to 2172 section 10a-34.

- Sec. 560. Subsection (a) of section 30-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,* 2021):
- 2176 (a) An out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor other than 2177 beer shall allow the sale of such alcoholic liquor to manufacturer and 2178 wholesaler permittees in this state and outside of this state as permitted 2179 by law and, as to any out-of-state shipper operating a farm winery who 2180 produces not more than one hundred thousand gallons of wine per year, 2181 the sale and shipment by the holder thereof to a retailer of wine 2182 manufactured by such permittee on the permitted premises in the 2183 original sealed containers of not more than fifteen gallons per container. 2184 The permit premises of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic 2185 liquor may be located within this state or outside this state. The annual 2186 fee for an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor other than 2187 beer shall be ninety dollars for a Connecticut manufacturer or 2188 wholesaler holding such a permit and shall be one thousand two 2189 hundred fifty dollars for any other person holding such a permit. For 2190 purposes of this subsection, "farm winery" means any place or premises, 2191 located on a farm in which wine is manufactured and sold provided not 2192 less than twenty-five per cent of the fruit used in the manufacture of 2193 such wine is produced on such farm.

2194 Sec. 561. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) Notwithstanding the 2195 provisions of section 30-68m of the general statutes, the holder of a 2196 package store permit issued pursuant to section 30-20 of the general 2197 statutes may ship alcoholic liquor to a consumer located out-of-state, 2198 subject to all applicable laws of the jurisdiction in which such consumer 2199 is located. As used in this section, "out-of-state" means any state other 2200 than Connecticut, any territory or possession of the United States, the 2201 District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, but does not 2202 include any foreign country.

- Sec. 562. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) A permit issued pursuant to title 30 of the general statutes for any on-premises consumption of alcoholic liquor shall allow the retail sale of not more than two drinks to any one person at any one time.
- (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall amend any existing regulations of Connecticut state agencies adopted under the provisions of title 30 of the general statutes, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 563. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275, 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, [30-10, 30-11,] 45a-
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- 2217 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 have the following meanings:
- (a) "Ballot" means paper or other material containing the names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;
- 2221 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed 2222 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;
- 2223 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment

list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;

- 2226 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors 2227 choose public officials by use of voting tabulators or by paper ballots as 2228 provided in section 9-272;
- (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;
- 2232 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;
- 2233 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;
- (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose public officials of such municipality;
- (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town within the state;
- 2238 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot to be used at an election, 2239 or the official ballot to be used thereat in accordance with the provisions 2240 of section 9-272;
- (k) "Population" means the population according to the lastcompleted United States census;
- (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots for President and Vice President of the United States;
- (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical process, but shall not include typewriting;
- (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section, (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such electors

2252 or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in subsection (d) 2253 of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a question or proposal 2254 which is submitted to a vote of the electors or voters, as the case may be, 2255 of a municipality at a meeting of such electors or voters pursuant to 2256 section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or special act; 2257 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election; 2258 (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality; 2259 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality 2260 certified by the registrars; 2261 (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election; 2262 (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first 2263 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered 2264 years in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of 2265 Connecticut; 2266 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, 2267 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General; 2268 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district 2269 meetings under the provisions of section 7-6; 2270 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political 2271 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a regular 2272 election; 2273 (w) "Voting tabulator" means a machine, including, but not limited 2274 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and 2275 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda; 2276 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name 2277 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for 2278 which the person's name is written in; and

(y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"

means the day which is the seventh day prior to an election.

Sec. 564. Section 30-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) The sale of alcoholic liquor or the sale of alcoholic liquor in one or more classes of permits under the provisions of this chapter shall be permitted in any town in the state until by vote of the town, taken [as provided in section 30-10] by vote of its legislative body or, in a town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectmen, a contrary preference has been indicated; and nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to permit the sale of alcoholic liquor in any town which has voted to the contrary.
- (b) In all cases in which a town acted on the sale of alcoholic liquor prior to the effective date of this section, such action shall remain in effect until further action is taken in accordance with this chapter.
- Sec. 565. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) A seasonal outdoor openair permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on a lot, yard, green or other outdoor open space, provided: (1) The retail sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor is allowed in such space by the applicable local zoning, health and fire marshal officials; (2) the permitted premises is not more than one square acre in size; (3) a temporary fence or a wall not less than thirty inches high encloses the permitted area; (4) restrooms or enclosed portable toilets are available either within the permitted area or nearby; and (5) food is available for sale to consumers for consumption on the permitted premises during all hours that the permittee is engaging in the retail sale of alcoholic liquor. Any such food may be prepared on the permitted premises, be provided by a food truck or a caterer, or consist of prepackaged items. The availability of area menus for delivery shall be deemed in compliance with the requirements of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that food be purchased with an alcoholic beverage.
- (b) Tents, mobile units and other temporary fixtures may be included within the permitted premises. A permittee under this section shall

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- 2314 (c) The seasonal outdoor open-air permit shall be effective either 2315 April first to September thirtieth, inclusive, or May first to October 2316 thirty-first, inclusive, of the same year. Such permit shall be issued by 2317 the Department of Consumer Protection subject to the limitations on 2318 hours of operation for a restaurant permittee, as specified in section 30-2319 91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Any such permit shall 2320 not be renewable and the issuance of a provisional seasonal outdoor 2321 open-air permit is prohibited. Any backer of the permittee may only 2322 apply for one such permit per calendar year. The provisions of 2323 subsection (c) of section 30-39 of the general statutes, as amended by this 2324 act, do not apply to such permit. The annual fee for a seasonal outdoor 2325 open-air permit shall be two thousand dollars.
 - (d) The seasonal outdoor open-air permit shall allow the sale at retail of draught beer for off-premise consumption in sealed containers supplied by the permittee. Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Not more than four liters of such beer shall be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 566. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 30-16, 30-18 and 30-18a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, no person shall repackage, relabel or sell wine manufactured outside of this state for the purpose of selling such wine as Connecticut made wine.
- Sec. 567. Subsection (a) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
- 2343 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic

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liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the premises, conduct feebased wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No tasting of wine on the premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked bottles at any one time. No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic liquor except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store may sell (1) cigarettes and cigars, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which shall include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to the consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items of the package, (5) complementary fresh fruits used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (6) cheese or crackers, or both, (7) olives, (8) nonalcoholic beverages, (9) concentrates used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (10) beer and wine-making kits and products related to beer and wine-making kits, (11) ice in any form, (12) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry, (13) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (14) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, as amended by this act, provided in all such cases the minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (15) lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if licensed as an

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- Sec. 568. Section 30-37p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 2395 (a) A gift basket retailer permit shall allow the retail sale of wine, 2396 mead or beer. Such wine, mead or beer shall be included in a gift basket 2397 sold at retail by the permit holder. Such wine, mead or beer shall not be 2398 consumed on the premises. The holder of a gift basket retailer permit 2399 shall be located in this state and such wine, mead or beer shall only be 2400 purchased by such permit holder from the holder of a package store permit issued pursuant to section 30-20, as amended by this act, the holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery issued pursuant to 2403 subsection (c) of section 30-16, the holder of a manufacturer permit for 2404 wine, cider and mead issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-16, or the holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued pursuant to 2406 subsection (b) of section 30-16.
 - (b) The holder of a gift basket retailer permit may sell gift baskets which may include (1) a maximum of four bottles of wine or mead per basket or a maximum of seventy-two ounces of beer per basket, (2) food items, (3) nonalcoholic beverages, (4) concentrates used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (5) wine-making kits and

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beer-making kits and products related to such kits, (6) ice in any form, (7) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry or the permittee's gift basket business, (8) flowers, plants and garden-related items, (9) drinking glasses, bottle opening devices and literature related to wine, mead or beer, or (10) gift certificates. The sale of such gift baskets shall only take place during the times permitted for the sale of alcoholic liquor in places operating under package store permits pursuant to section 30-91, as amended by this act. The holder of a gift basket retailer permit shall not sell such gift baskets on premises operating under any other permit issued pursuant to this title. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the holder of a package store permit issued pursuant to section 30-20, as amended by this act, from selling any item permitted for sale by such permittee pursuant to said section.

- (c) The annual fee for a gift basket retailer permit shall be two hundred dollars.
- Sec. 569. Subsection (a) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
 - (a) As used in this subsection, "proof gallon" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-433. A manufacturer permit for spirits shall allow the manufacture of spirits and the storage, bottling and wholesale distribution and sale of spirits manufactured or bottled to permittees in this state and without the state as may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall be granted unless the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection. The holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits who produces less than fifty thousand proof gallons of spirits in a calendar year may sell at retail from the premises sealed bottles or other sealed containers of spirits manufactured on the premises for consumption off the premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer more than three liters of spirits per day nor more than five gallons of spirits in any two-month period. Retail sales by a holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits shall occur only on the days and times

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permitted under subsection (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act. A holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits, alone or in combination with any parent or subsidiary business or related or affiliated party, who sells more than ten thousand gallons of spirits in any calendar year may not sell spirits at wholesale to retail permittees within this state. Such permit shall also authorize the offering and tasting, on the premises of the permittee, of free samples of spirits distilled on the premises. Such free samples of spirits distilled on the premises may be offered for consumption in combination with a nonalcoholic beverage. Tastings shall not exceed two ounces per patron per day and shall not be allowed on such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated person. A holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits may apply for and shall receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for manufacturing plants and warehouse locations outside the state owned by such manufacturer or a subsidiary corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the voting stock of which is owned by such manufacturer, to bring into any of its plants or warehouses in the state spirits for reprocessing, repackaging, reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to wholesaler permittees not owned or controlled by such manufacturer, or (2) outside the state. The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for spirits shall be one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars.

Sec. 570. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) From the effective date of this section until three years after the effective date of this section, the holder of a permit issued pursuant to section 30-16, 30-21 or 30-22 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or subsection (a), (g), (h) or (i) of section 30-22a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may sell for off-premises consumption sealed containers of all such alcoholic liquor such permit holder is allowed to sell for on-premises consumption, subject to the requirements of this section and consistent with all local ordinances for the town in which the premises are located.

(b) Any alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption pursuant

to this section shall be accompanied by food prepared on the permit premises for off-premises consumption.

- (c) Alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption pursuant to this section may be sold in a container other than the manufacturer's original sealed container, unless sold by a permittee under section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. All such alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption shall be given to a consumer in a securely sealed container that prevents consumption without the removal of a tamper-evident lid, cap or seal. A securely sealed container does not include a container with a lid with sipping holes or openings for straws. Each securely sealed container shall be placed in a bag by the permittee's agent or employee prior to removal from the permit premises.
- (d) If a permittee is delivering alcoholic liquor and food, such delivery shall be made only by a direct employee of the permittee and not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such third-party vendor or entity holds an in-state transporter's permit.
- (e) The sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption pursuant to this section shall (1) be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) if sold by a permittee under section 30-21 or 30-22 of the general statutes, comply with all applicable requirements of said sections and the limits imposed under subsection (g) of this section.
- (f) A sealed container of alcoholic liquor sold pursuant to this section shall not be deemed an open container, provided the sealed container is unopened, the seal has not been tampered with, and the contents of the sealed container have not been partially removed.
- (g) The sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption pursuant to this section by a permittee under section 30-21 or 30-22 of the general statutes shall comply with the following limits for any one order, per customer: (1) One hundred ninety-six ounces, for beer, (2) one

2511 liter, for spirits, and (3) one and one-half liters, for wine.

(h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the retail sale of any alcoholic liquor manufactured by a manufacturer permittee under section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on its permit premises for off-premises consumption, which shall be subject to the requirements of said section, including, but not limited to, the volume limits and hours of sale set forth in said section.

Sec. 571. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) From the effective date of this section until three years after the effective date of this section, the holder of any manufacturer permit issued pursuant to section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may deliver alcoholic liquor manufactured by such permittee, provided such delivery is made only by a direct employee of the permittee and not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such third-party vendor or entity holds an in-state transporter's permit. Any alcoholic liquor delivered by a permittee under this section shall comply with all applicable limits of section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, allowing the permittee to sell at retail, from the permittee's premises, sealed bottles or other sealed containers of alcoholic liquor manufactured by the permittee on the premises for off-premises consumption.

- (b) Any alcoholic liquor delivered by a permittee under section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for off-premises consumption pursuant to this section need not be accompanied by food.
- (c) The delivery of alcoholic liquor by a permittee under section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for off-premises consumption pursuant to this section shall (1) be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) comply with all applicable requirements of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 572. Sections 30-6c and 30-58b of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2021*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Sec. 19	January 1, 2022	20-670(5)
Sec. 501	October 1, 2021	21a-218(a)
Sec. 502	October 1, 2021	21a-219
Sec. 503	October 1, 2021	42-179
Sec. 504	October 1, 2021	42-181
Sec. 505	October 1, 2021	42-190
Sec. 506	October 1, 2021	21a-319
Sec. 507	from passage	New section
Sec. 508	from passage	20-633b(f)
Sec. 509	from passage	20-614(d)
Sec. 510	July 1, 2021	21a-70(a)
Sec. 511	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 512	July 1, 2021	22-61l(r) to (w)
Sec. 513	July 1, 2021	22-61m(g)
Sec. 514	July 1, 2021	22-61m(k)
Sec. 515	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 516	July 1, 2021	30-1
Sec. 517	July 1, 2021	30-12
Sec. 518	July 1, 2021	30-13a
Sec. 519	July 1, 2021	30-14(a)
Sec. 520	July 1, 2021	30-22c(b)
Sec. 521	July 1, 2021	30-24
Sec. 522	July 1, 2021	30-24b
Sec. 523	July 1, 2021	30-25
Sec. 524	July 1, 2021	30-25a
Sec. 525	July 1, 2021	30-37f
Sec. 526	July 1, 2021	30-38
Sec. 527	July 1, 2021	30-45
Sec. 528	July 1, 2021	30-46
Sec. 529	July 1, 2021	30-46a
Sec. 530	from passage	30-48
Sec. 531	July 1, 2021	30-48a(a) to (c)
Sec. 532	July 1, 2021	30-51
Sec. 533	July 1, 2021	30-53
Sec. 534	July 1, 2021	30-54
Sec. 535	July 1, 2021	30-681(b)
Sec. 536	July 1, 2021	30-81

Sec. 537	July 1, 2021	30-90
Sec. 538	July 1, 2021	30-91
Sec. 539	July 1, 2021	30-91a
Sec. 540	July 1, 2021	30-71
Sec. 540	July 1, 2021	30-8
Sec. 541	July 1, 2021	30-17
Sec. 542	July 1, 2021	30-33
Sec. 543	July 1, 2021	30-35b
Sec. 545	July 1, 2021	30-36
Sec. 545	July 1, 2021	30-37
Sec. 547	July 1, 2021	30-37j
Sec. 547	, , ,	30-39
Sec. 549	from passage July 1, 2021	30-55
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Sec. 550 Sec. 551	July 1, 2021	30-56 30-59
Sec. 551	July 1, 2021	30-61
Sec. 552	July 1, 2021	30-64b
Sec. 554	July 1, 2021	30-640
Sec. 554	July 1, 2021	30-68n
Sec. 556	July 1, 2021	
Sec. 557	July 1, 2021	30-86(d) 30-93a
Sec. 557	July 1, 2021	30-113
Sec. 558	, , ,	_
Sec. 560	July 1, 2021 July 1, 2021	30-22a(m)
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Sec. 561	July 1, 2021 July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 562	V	New section
Sec. 563	from passage	9-1
Sec. 564	from passage	30-9
Sec. 565	from passage	New section
Sec. 566	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 567	July 1, 2021	30-20(a)
Sec. 568	from passage	30-37p
Sec. 569	July 1, 2021	30-16(a)
Sec. 570	from passage	New section
Sec. 571	from passage	New section
Sec. 572	July 1, 2021	Repealer section